

DOE-OWNED LEASED FACILITIES

QUESTION: DOE O 151.1C, paragraph 4.a. (15) requires that arrangements with lessees must effectively integrate the activities of a DOE-owned leased facility into the DOE/NNSA site-wide emergency management program. What is a DOE-owned leased facility, and does this paragraph apply to a facility operated by a DOE contractor?

ANSWER: A facility within a DOE/NNSA site may be leased to others for non-DOE work. These *DOE-owned leased facilities* present unique difficulties for the site emergency management program in protecting onsite worker health and safety and establishing consistent interfaces with offsite Emergency Response Organizations (EROs) during an emergency affecting or involving the leased facilities. To ensure an effective emergency response, arrangements with the tenants must integrate the activities of the leased facility into the DOE/NNSA site-wide emergency management program. DOE O 151.1C, 4.a. (15) addresses specific requirements that must be included in arrangements with these facilities:

“(15) To ensure protection of onsite worker health and safety and ensure consistent interfaces with offsite Emergency Response Organizations (EROs) during an emergency involving or affecting a leased facility owned by DOE/NNSA, arrangements with lessees must effectively integrate the activities of a leased facility into the DOE/NNSA site-wide emergency management program. These arrangements also pertain to Nuclear Regulatory Commission licensed facilities and must include:

- (a) a description of how each of the lessee’s emergency management program elements are integrated into the site-wide program; and
- (b) a requirement that the tenant’s hazardous material inventories be reported to the site emergency management organization annually.

The tenant must also report prior to significant changes to the facility or to hazardous material inventories. For example, significant changes are those changes, which would result in an unreviewed safety question for nuclear facilities, as defined in 10 CFR 830, or in an unreviewed safety issue for accelerator facilities, as defined in DOE O 420.2B.”

These requirements are **not** directed toward offsite facilities leased by a DOE/NNSA contractor for DOE-work.