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SUBJECT: Adjudicative Guidelines

On December 29, 2005, the President approved a revision of the *Adjudicative Guidelines for Determining Eligibility for Access to Classified Information*. The revised guidelines were distributed as an attachment to a memorandum from Stephen J. Hadley, Assistant to the President for National Security Affairs, addressed to William Leonard, Director of the Information Security Oversight Office. In his memorandum, Mr. Hadley instructed Mr. Leonard to circulate the revised guidelines for immediate implementation by all agencies that grant security clearances. Mr. Hadley further emphasized that all agencies must honor clearances granted under the new guidelines, consistent with Executive Order (E.O.) 12968 and the December 12, 2005, memorandum on reciprocity issued by Clay Johnson, Deputy Director for Management, Office of Management and Budget.

As you know, the Department of Energy (DOE) published the first iteration of the Adjudicative Guidelines, issued by the White House on March 24, 1997, as Appendix B to 10 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) 710, *Criteria and Procedures for Determining Eligibility for Access to Classified Matter or Special Nuclear Material*. We are in the process of revising that regulation and will include the new Adjudicative Guidelines in the revision. However, as we noted in Appendix B of the current regulation, the President may change the guidelines without notice. Therefore, we publish the guidelines for reference purposes only. Publication of the guidelines in the CFR is not necessary as a prerequisite to our implementation of the new version of the guidelines.



In accordance with Mr. Hadley's instructions, all DOE personnel security processing offices should immediately implement use of the revised adjudicative guidelines. Please convey this instruction to the personnel security sites under your cognizance. A copy of the revised guidelines, as well as the cover memo, is attached for your information. In addition, copies have been made available electronically to personnel security staff who participate in the Personnel Security Quality Panel monthly teleconference calls.

If you have any questions concerning the revised Adjudicative Guidelines or their implementation, please contact [REDACTED] of my staff, at [REDACTED] Tracy Berry, (202) 586-3238.

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