



Department of Energy

Washington, DC 20585

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The Honorable A. J. Eggenberger
Chairman
Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board
625 Indiana Avenue, NW Suite 700
Washington, D.C. 20004-2941

Dear Mr. Chairman:

On February 28, 2005, the Department of Energy provided a schedule to develop, revise, approve, and issue directives related to software quality assurance. The purpose of this letter is to provide you with the status of these directive changes.

On June 17, 2005, DOE O 414.1C, *Quality Assurance*, and DOE G 414.1-4, *Safety Software Guide for use with 10 CFR 830 Subpart A, Quality Assurance Requirements*, and DOE O 414.1C, *Quality Assurance*, were issued. With the issuance of these two directives, the attached list has been revised to show the new schedule for revising other directives to reference the revised Order and the new software quality assurance Guide.

We will continue to actively involve your staff in the directive revision process. Questions concerning this commitment may be directed to me at (202) 586-1772 or Robert Loesch at (301) 903-4443.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Robert Loesch".

for Frank E. Tooper
Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary
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Attachment

cc:

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Attachment

Directives	Nuclear Facility Safety Software Directive Topic and Proposed Change	Responsible Organization	Final Issue Target Date
DOE O 414.1C	Quality Assurance – Add new outcome-based requirements in an attachment for broad applicability to nuclear facility safety software	EH	Issued 6/17/05
DOE G 414.1-4	Quality Assurance Guide for Safety Software – new guide to support DOE O 414.1C, Attachment 5	EH	Issued 6/17/05
DOE G 414.1-2A	Quality Assurance System Management System Guide – guide was revised to include reference to safety software and SQA activities	EH	Issued 6/17/05
Directives	Minor changes to other Directives to reference revised Order and New Guide	Responsible Organization	Final Issue Target Date
DOE O 420.1	Facility Safety – Update references to new QA Order requirements and guide	EH	Target Date 1/31/06
DOE G 420.1-1	Nonreactor Nuclear Safety Design Criteria and Explosive Safety Criteria Guide for use with DOE O 420.1 Facility Safety – Update references to new QA Order requirements and guide.	EH	Note 1
DOE G 420.1-2	Guide for the Mitigation of Natural Phenomena Hazards for DOE Nuclear Facilities and Non-Nuclear Facilities – Update references to new QA Order requirements and guide.	EH	Note 1
DOE G 421.1-1	DOE Good Practice Guide, Criticality Safety Good Practices Program Guide for DOE Nonreactor Nuclear Facilities - Update references to new QA Order requirements and guide.	EH	Note 1
DOE G 421.1-2	Safety Analysis Guide for 10 CFR 830, Subpart B - Update references to new QA Order requirements and guide.	EH	Note 1
DOE STD 3009	Safety Analysis Guidance - Update references to new QA Order requirements and guide.	EH	Target Date 12/31/06
DOE STD 1104	Review and Approval of Nuclear Facility Safety Basis Documents (Documented Safety Analyses and Technical Safety Requirements) - Update references to new QA Order requirements and guide.	EH	Target Date 1/31/06
DOE G 414.1-1A	Management and Independent Assessment Guide – Refer to standards and add reference to Safety Software directives.	EH	Note 1
DOE O 200.1	Information Management – Update reference to EH responsibility for safety software quality assurance.	CIO	Note 1
DOE G 200.1-1	Software Engineering Methodology – Update references to new QA Order requirements and guide.	CIO	Note 1

Note: 1. Directives recommended for minor revision to refer to safety software requirements will be revised during their next normal update cycle.