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THROUGH: INGRID KOLB
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SUBJECT: Notice of Intent to Revise DOE Order 452.2D, *Nuclear Explosive Safety*

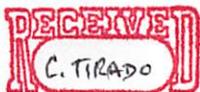
PURPOSE: To safely execute NNSA nuclear weapons mission, operations involving nuclear explosives are currently carried out under the provision of four nuclear explosive safety (NES) directives consisting of two Orders and two Manuals. NNSA is proposing revisions for the suite of directives in order to (1) revise requirements to improve NES processes and (2) align the directives with the requirements of DOE Order 251.1C, *Departmental Directives Program*. This Justification Memorandum covers the revision of DOE Order 452.2D, *Nuclear Explosive Safety*, to incorporate needed process enhancements and to incorporate pertinent material from DOE M 452.2-1A, *Nuclear Explosive Safety Manual*, which will be canceled upon the completion of the revision of the Order.

Under a previous Justification Memorandum, NNSA initiated a cancellation review of DOE Manual 452.2-2, *Nuclear Explosive Safety Evaluation Process*, to be replaced by an NNSA Supplemental Directive. The other NES Order (452.1D) is being revised under a separate Justification Memorandum.

JUSTIFICATION:

This Order is necessary and applicable only to NNSA nuclear explosive operations. There is no impact from this Order on other Department entities. However, given the paramount importance of nuclear explosive safety and nuclear explosive surety, the high level requirements are being maintained within the structure of the DOE Directive system, i.e. as a DOE Order. To improve the effectiveness of NES processes, NNSA undertook a top-down review of the existing NES directives and identified process improvements to be reflected in revised directives. A diverse (headquarters/field office/program/safety staff) team developed the revised NES Orders, incorporating pertinent material from the Manual. The revised DOE Order and NNSA Supplemental Directive will be in alignment with DOE O 251.1C directive requirements.

There are no valid external, consensus or other Standards (e.g., ISO, VPP, etc.) available which can be used in place of these directives.



IMPACT: The proposed revised Order does not duplicate existing laws, regulations or national standards and they do not create an undue burden on the Department.

The revised Order updates the current directive for Nuclear Explosive Operations; NNSA does not anticipate the revisions will have significant cost impact. The changes being made will clarify existing requirements and standards without adding new requirements or making significant changes to the intended outcome of the existing requirements and standards.

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Concur:  Nonconcur: _____ Date: 6-5-14

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Concur:  Nonconcur: _____ Date: 8-5-14

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Draft Development	60
Review and Comment (RevCom)	30
Comment Resolution	30
Final Review	30