# DOE Worker Safety and Health Policy



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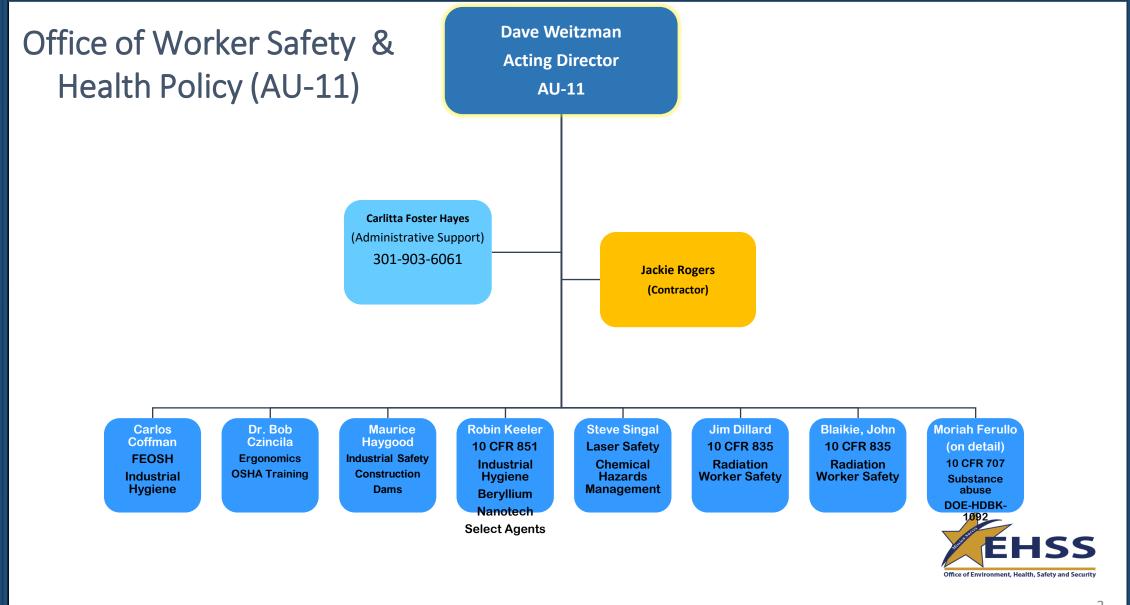
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# **Regulatory Authority**



# **Atomic Energy Act of 1954 (AEA)**

Authorizes the self regulation of the Agency, including safety and health.





# **Workforce and Policy**

### DOE Workforce

- Federal Employees
- Contractor Employees

# DOE Worker Safety and Health Policy

- Rules
- Directives
- Technical Standards\*
- National Consensus Standards\*



# **Department of Energy Rules: 10 CFR**

- CFR- Code of Federal Regulations
- Title 10-Energy
- Chapters- II,III,X





# Rules

# Administrative Procedures Act (APA) of 1946 (5 U.S.C. §551 et seq.)

- Statute that governs how Federal Agencies propose and establish regulations
- Requirements for publishing notices for proposed and final rulemaking in the Federal Register - "Notice and Comment"
- Must provide information on exactly what will be required, i.e., specific dated consensus standard
- Take precedence over directives



# **DOE Directives**

- Notice
  - Limited life
  - May contain requirements and CRDs\*
  - \*Contractor Requirements Document (CRD)
    - Generally mirror Federal Requirements
    - Apply only if in contract
- Order
  - Have requirements and may contain CRDs\*
- Policy
  - High level
  - Contains no requirements
- Guides
  - No requirements; can't be incorporated by reference in Directives



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### DIRECTIVES, DELEGATIONS, AND OTHER REQUIREMENTS



### **Delegations**

Legal instrument used to transfer authority granted to the Secretary of Energy



### Other Requirements



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Directives Quarterly Updates

New - DOE G 413.3-22, Analysis of Alternatives Guide

New - DOE G 413.3-21A, Cost Estimating Guide

New - DOE P 547.1A, Small Business First Policy

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# **DOE Technical Standards\***

### **Developed when a National Consensus Standard does not exist**

- Standards may be used as a requirements document
- Handbooks information of implementation of a standard

\*DOE O 252.1A, Technical Standards Program

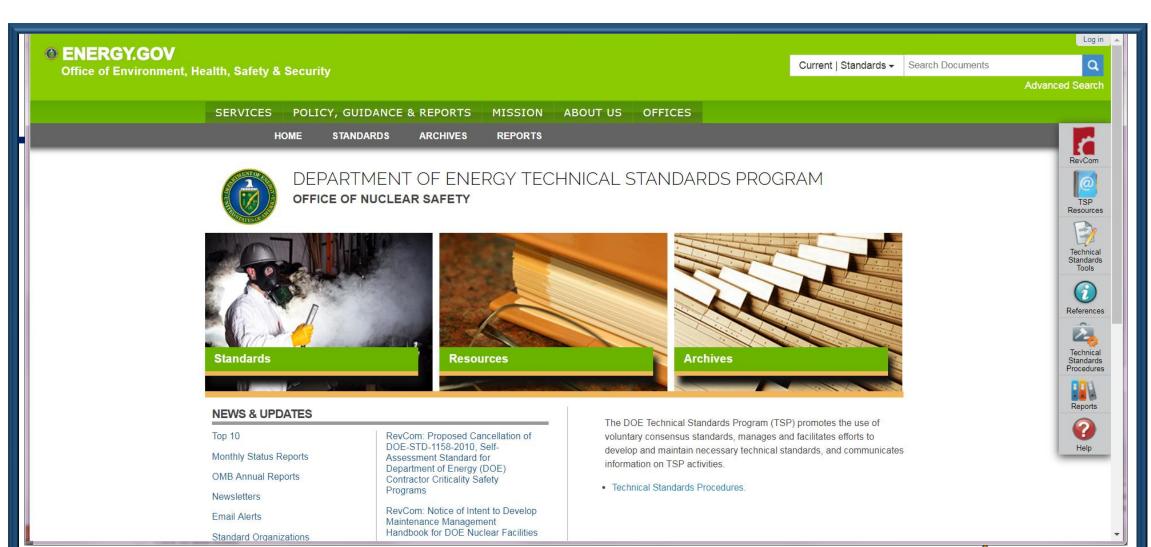


# DOE-HDBK-1092- Next Steps

- AU-11 submit draft proposed revision DOE-HDBK-1092 to Technical Standard Program Manager (TSPM).
- TSPM initiate coordination in TSP RevCom
  - Full Coordination, 60 days, is likely to DOE-HDBK-1092.
- Draft available to TSM through the complex, in RevCom
  - TSM must identify the appropriate person (SME) to review the draft TS.
- AU-11 must respond to and resolve all essential comments,
  - within 30 days
  - provide a redline strikeout version of the final draft DOE-HDBK-1092 to TSPM
- RevCom concurrence notice
  - 10 days.
- AU-11 must resolve all non-concurrences received from commenting organizations TSM before TS may be approved.



• When non-concurrence cannot be resolved a dispute resolution process is taken. All applicable organizations must concur before DOE TS may be approved to as applicable to that organization.



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# **Variations from Policy**

# Exemption and Equivalency

- 10 CFR 820- Process outlined in Rule
- 10 CFR 835- issued by AU
- DOE Directives
  - Process outlined in Order, if not, follow guidance in DOE O 251.1D

### Variance

- 10 CFR 851 Subpart D
  - Approved by Under Secretary Following Recommendation by AU



# Interpretations and Clarifications

- Interpretations Only issued by GC
- Technical Clarifications
  - SME review issued by AU
  - Worker Safety and Health Response Line
- SME Opinions



# Worker Safety and Health Program: 10 CFR 851





# **History 10 CFR 851**

### Published in 2006

### 10 CFR Part 851

- Applies to DOE **Contractors Only**
- Based on DOE O 440.1



Thursday, February 9, 2006

### Part II

### Department of Energy

10 CFR Parts 850 and 851 Chronic Beryllium Disease Prevention Program; Worker Safety and Health Program; Final Rule

# 10 CFR 851 Technical Amendment: Standards Incorporated by Reference



# 10 CFR 851 Technical Amendment: Q&A's

Q & As are posted at EHSS WS&H website at the first bullet under: IMPLEMENTATION ASSISTANCE AND TOOLS at: https://www.energy.gov/ehss/worker-safety-and-health

They are also at: <a href="https://orau.org/ihos/doe-worker-safety-health/10-cfr-851.html">https://orau.org/ihos/doe-worker-safety-health/10-cfr-851.html</a>, under 10 CFR 851 Technical Amendment: Standards Incorporated by Reference, January 10, 2018 (Federal Register Publication)



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### Welcome to the Occupational Safety and Health Regulatory and Policy Response Line (Response Line)

The Response Line is a service maintained by the Office of Worker Safety and Health Policy, AU-11, within the Office of Health and Safety, AU-10. It provides responses to questions from DOE and DOE contractor personnel regarding worker safety and health requirements and guidance.

The information contained in responses are technical clarifications to a DOE Rule or Directive and should only be applied to the specific conditions described in a response. These responses represent the best available technical knowledge available from the Department's subject matter experts and are NOT binding upon the DOE. These responses DO NOT represent approval of a variance, exemption, or equivalence for any requirements.

Requests for exemptions or equivalences for Directives must follow the procedures in the specified Order, or if there are no such procedures in the specified Order, the procedures for exemptions or equivalencies in DOE O 251.1D must be followed. Requests for exemptions from DOE Nuclear Safety Requirements must be submitted in accordance with the requirements of 10 C.F.R. Part 820, Subpart E, and requests for interpretations of the Atomic Energy Act, Nuclear Statutes, and DOE Nuclear Safety Requirements must be submitted in accordance with the



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# **Worker Safety and Health Policy**

# Questions?

