



POLICY FLASH 2013-74

DATE: August 13, 2013

TO: Procurement Directors/Contracting Officers



FROM: Director
Contract and Financial Assistance Policy Division
Office of Policy
Office of Acquisition and Project Management

SUBJECT: Quarterly Notification of the DOE's Differing Professional Opinion Process

SUMMARY: Attached is a Memorandum issued by the Deputy Secretary on August 2, 2013, highlighting requirements for complying with Department of Energy (DOE) Order (O) 442.2, [Differing Professional Opinions for Technical Issues Involving Environmental, Safety, and Health Technical Concerns](#), dated July 29, 2011. This Order requires that all DOE employees (including contractors and subcontractors) be notified quarterly of the Differing Professional Opinion (DPO) process to ensure that they are made aware of the process, including the DPO Web page address and the contact information for submitting DPOs.

The Deputy Secretary requested that during this quarter, Cognizant Secretarial Officers verify the status of inclusion of the current DPO Order in all contracts under their purview for the design, construction, management, operation, decontamination, decommissioning, or the demolition of DOE sites or facilities. DOE contractors who have the Contractor Requirements Document required by DOE Order 442.2 in their contracts are required to ensure that all employees and subcontractor employees are notified quarterly of the DPO process and have the right to report environment, safety, and health technical concerns that have not

been resolved through routine work processes or through the DOE DPO process.

DOE Contracting Officers should ensure that their applicable contractors are meeting these requirements of the DPO Order, and should report to their Cognizant Secretarial Officers, as directed in the Memorandum, the results of their review of inclusion of the DPO Order in contracts, as well as the verification of notification of contractor employees or the contractor process to provide the notification, through Mary Haughey, as the DPO process coordinator, at (301) 903-2867, or by e-mail at mary.haughey@hq.doe.gov. Contact information for DPO Managers is provided in the attachment.

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Questions concerning this policy flash should be directed to Kevin M. Smith, of the Contract and Financial Assistance Policy Division, at Kevin.M.Smith@hq.doe.gov, or at (202) 287-1614.

Attachment