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## UCNI Order Approved!

DOE Order 471.1B, *Identification and Protection of Unclassified Controlled Nuclear Information (UCNI)*, was approved on March 1, 2010. The revised order supplements 10 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 1017, *Identification and Protection of Unclassified Controlled Nuclear Information*, and follows the principles for DOE directives contained in DOE Order 251.1C, *Departmental Directives Program*.

Basic UCNI requirements contained in 10 CFR part 1017 have been supplemented by the revised order. Changes include:

- Deleted requirement to cite identification numbers on which UCNI topics are based
- Added and defined program evaluations that are modeled on classification program evaluations to include self-assessments every 2 years and on-site reviews
- Added subject areas and jurisdiction for UCNI authorities

- Identified e-mail marking requirements
- Clarified that a document from which UCNI has been redacted must be clearly identified as a redacted version
- Added requirement to periodically brief employees with access to UCNI on their responsibility to identify and protect UCNI
- Deleted categorical special access approval

Responsibilities for UCNI program administration have been revised and clarified. Changes include:

- Defined National Nuclear Security Administration (NNSA) officials' responsibilities
- Expanded paragraph on field element Classification Officers' (CO) responsibilities to more accurately reflect their role in the UCNI program



- Added paragraph on Headquarters Classification Representatives' responsibilities
  - Expanded authority of Cognizant Security Authority to include authority to approve optional cover sheets and methods for destroying special-format documents and material
- Gave Program Secretarial Officer or the NNSA Associate Administrator for Defense Nuclear Security authority to approve equivalencies/exemptions from physical security requirements.

For more details, refer to 10 CFR part 1017 and DOE Order 471.1B. A copy of DOE Order 471.1B can be found on the [DOE directives website](#). Additional UCNI resources will be available on the Office of Classification website. If you have any questions concerning UCNI, contact Emily Puhl at (301) 903-9048 or [emily.puhl@hq.doe.gov](mailto:emily.puhl@hq.doe.gov).

## New CommuniQué Format

In order to provide timely information concerning developments in classified and controlled information, the OC will now issue CommuniQuéés when developments of interest to the classification community occur (for example: new initiatives, policy interpretations, lessons learned). A CommuniQué concerning guidance updates, personnel changes, and upcoming events will be issued twice a year. In addition to written communications, the OC will be holding web-based conferences to provide briefings and

interactive discussions concerning significant events, to advise the field of new developments, and to receive input on classified and controlled information-related issues. The intent is to develop more prompt, efficient, and interactive methods of communicating with the community.

The CommuniQué will be numbered sequentially by year and issue (e.g., 2010-1, 2010-2) and will be posted on the OC website.