

FTCP Goal 3 Survey: Steering Group/Strategic Interface

FTCP Agents Review and Feedback

This paper discusses the how improvement in Strategic Interface and possible development of Steering Committees could assist the Federal Technical Capability Panel (Panel) in accomplishing the intent of DOE Order 426.1, *Federal Technical Capability*.

The mission of the DOE is to ensure America's security and prosperity by addressing its energy, environmental, and nuclear challenges through transformative science and technology solutions. A key goal to this mission is to: Establish an operational and adaptable framework that combines the best wisdom of all Department stakeholders to maximize mission success.

The purpose of the Federal Technical Capability Order is to define requirements and responsibilities for meeting the Department of Energy (DOE) commitment to recruiting, deploying, developing, and retaining a technically competent workforce that will accomplish DOE missions in a safe and efficient manner through the Federal Technical Capability Program (FTCP). And although the first listed program principle highlights ISM and federal personnel “*discharging* their safety responsibilities”, each of the other program principles focus on maintaining “technical excellence and capabilities”.

Strategic Interfaces

Currently the Panel interfaces with the following offices—and support-offices within these organizations—as directed by DOE 426.1:

- Office of Science (SC)
- Office of Health, Safety and Security (HSS)
- Office of Under Secretary of Energy
- NNSA
- Environmental Management
- Office of Human Capital Management
- In addition, the staff of the Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board is invited to each Panel interaction.

Question: Should the Panel invite other organizations to functional interactions (monthly conference calls, face-to-face meetings, etc.)? When thinking of other organizations, think beyond DOE and, viably, beyond government – should we invite INPO? Should we invite the NRC? Should we invite OSHA?

Sub-question: If we invite other organizations to our events, what are we expecting from them in the relationship?

Steering Committees

The Panel has many initiatives going at any given time (FAQS revision, interactions with the DNFSB, discussions with other offices within DOE, etc.). As such, some Panel members are concerned of the focus and attention of the Panel and whether or not the issues raised at various meeting are appropriately addressed/adjudicated.

Question: Should the Panel establish “standing” Steering Committees to manage issues identified?

Sub-question: Are Panel members willing to staff these Steering Committees or is there an expectation that the Panel have a permanent staff to manage the committees?