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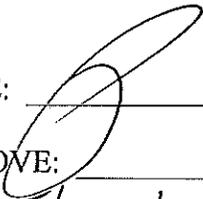
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SUBJECT: Department of Energy Voluntary Protection Program Documents

The Office of Worker Safety and Health Assistance (HS-12) requests approval to issue revised program documents for the Department of Energy (DOE) Voluntary Protection Program (VPP). These documents define the policies, requirements, procedures, roles, responsibilities, and authorities for the Office of Health, Safety and Security (HSS), DOE line program offices, and contractor participants in DOE-VPP.

The documents were initially issued in 1994. When HSS was formed in October 2006, HS-12 began revising the documents to reflect more emphasis on performance-based assessments. Draft revisions continued to be made to reflect changing Occupational Safety and Health Administration's policy, as well as questions from DOE-VPP participants. The documents were reviewed by an HSS Quality Review Board and issued in May 2011 to DOE field elements for review and comment. Comments from both DOE field and Headquarters elements have been incorporated. The documents also contain stronger language regarding award and incentive programs and the potential for underreporting of accidents or injuries.

Since the program is voluntary, these documents do not constitute DOE Requirements or Technical Standards. They are an HSS internal procedure to implement DOE-VPP. HS-12 will issue the documents by replacing the existing program documents on the HSS Web site, and notify existing participants via email.

APPROVE:  _____

DISAPPROVE: _____

DATE: 5/31/12

Attachments

