SUBMISSION OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DOCUMENTS
FOR COGNIZANT FIELD ELEMENT APPROVAL

QUESTION: DOE O 151.1C, Chapter I, requires the Cognizant Field Element Manager to approve site/facility emergency management documents. Why does the CRD omit a requirement for the contractor to submit these documents to the Cognizant Field Element for approval?

ANSWER: As noted in the FAQ, “APPROVAL AND DISTRIBUTION OF EMERGENCY DOCUMENTS,” dated 6/9/06, DOE O 151.1C, Comprehensive Emergency Management System (11-02-05) requires Cognizant Field Element approval of emergency management documents [e.g., technical planning basis (Hazards Surveys, EPHAs, and EPZs), emergency plans]. The requirements address recommendations by the Department of Energy's Office of the Inspector General (OIG) that key emergency management documents be coordinated with DOE.

The requirement to submit the documents to the Cognizant Field Element was inadvertently left out of the CRD. This omission will be corrected in the future revision of DOE O 151.1C. Until the omission is corrected, the Cognizant Field Element Manager can use their authority as the contracting official to require submission of the site/facility emergency management documents.

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1 DOE/IG-0594, Inspection Report. Emergency Medical Coordination Memorandum of Agreement at Brookhaven National Laboratory (March 2003); Recommendation 4.