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REPLY TO:

ATTN OF: EH-321

SUBJECT: Occupational Safety and Health Administration Required Training for Access to Hazardous Substance Areas

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A new rule of the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) will require extensive training of many DOE and DOE contractor personnel. This requirement is described briefly below, and in more detail in the attached excerpt from 29 CFR 1910. Note that 29 CFR 1910 is a fundamental requirement of DOE Order 5483.1A. I would like to encourage each of you to assure that personnel associated with your facilities receive the necessary training.

On March 6, 1989, OSHA published in the Federal Register a Final Rule on Hazardous Waste Operations and Emergency Response (29CFR 1910.120). Paragraph (e) of this rule (copy attached) sets forth the training requirements for personnel with access to and who work within hazardous waste areas. This rule becomes effective on March 6, 1990. The training is required for all DOE and DOE contractor employees having access to or working in a hazardous materials area, wherein they might be exposed to a hazardous substance, a health hazard or to safety hazards. This includes DOE Headquarters personnel who visit these areas.

Many Department of Energy facilities have areas for the treatment, storage or disposal of hazardous materials or waste and thus fall under this rule. The minimum training required for personnel needing access to any of these areas is 24 hours. Training must cover the specific elements set forth in 29 CFR 1910.120(e). Some facilities may have hazardous waste clean-up sites and are therefore subject to more stringent requirements.

The rule provides that certification be issued to personnel completing the training. Once an employee has received the training and has been certified, this certification is valid at all sites subject to the rule. A briefing by the safety and health personnel at any individual site will be required to give each certified DOE employee the necessary site-specific information.

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Many DOE contractors and field organizations have initiated training for employees working in or having access to hazardous areas covered under this rule. Less activity has been apparent at Headquarters. After March 5, 1990, all personnel needing access to these specific areas must have the required training or entry should be denied.

If you need further information, please contact Dr. Jacques Read, 353-2535, of my staff.


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As stated

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