

## Department of Energy

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unique nuclear materials needed to fabricate such a device; location of a nuclear weapon); or

(5) Dispersing hazardous nuclear material which could be used as an environmental contaminant (e.g., location, form, and quantity of nuclear material).

### § 1017.10 Nuclear material determinations.

(a) The Secretary may determine that a material other than special nuclear material, byproduct material, or source material as defined by the Atomic Energy Act is included within the scope of the term "nuclear material" if—

(1) The material is used in the production, testing, utilization; or assembly of atomic weapons or components of atomic weapons; and

(2) Unauthorized acquisition of the material could reasonably be expected to result in a significant adverse effect on the health and safety of the public or the common defense and security because the specific material—

(i) Could be used as a hazardous environmental contaminant; or

(ii) Could be of significant assistance in the illegal production of a nuclear weapon.

(b) Designation of a material as a nuclear material under paragraph (a) of this section does not make all information about the material UCNI. Specific information about the material must still meet each of the criteria in § 1017.7(b) prior to its being identified and controlled as UCNI.

### § 1017.11 Quarterly report.

The Assistant Secretary for Defense Programs shall prepare a report on a quarterly basis, to be made available upon request to any interested person, detailing the application during the previous quarter of each regulation or order prescribed or issued under section 148 of the Atomic Energy Act, including these regulations. Requests for this report may be sent to the Assistant Secretary for Defense Programs (refer to § 1017.16(b)(1) for the address).

This report must—

(a) Identify types of government information determined to be UCNI by

any Controlling Official during the previous quarter;

(b) Include a justification specifying why the government information is UCNI; and

(c) Include a justification that these regulations have been applied so as to protect from disclosure only the minimum amount of government information necessary to protect the health and safety of the public or the common defense and security.

### § 1017.12 Review and denial of documents or material.

(a) *Reviewing Officials.* A Reviewing Official with cognizance over the information contained in a document or material is authorized to—

(1) Make a determination, based on guidelines which reflect decisions of Controlling Officials, that the document or material contains, does not contain, or no longer contains UCNI; and

(2) Apply or remove UCNI markings to or from the document or material.

(b) *Denying Officials.* A Denying Official with cognizance over the information contained in a document or material is authorized to deny a request made under a statute or Executive order for all or any portion of the document or material that contains UCNI. The Denying Official bases his or her denial on guidelines which reflect decisions of Controlling Officials. The Denying Official insures that the Reviewing Official who determined that the document or material contains UCNI correctly applied and interpreted the guidelines.

(c) *Designation.* Reviewing and Denying Officials are designated in accordance with Departmental directives issued by the Secretary.

### § 1017.13 Retirement of documents or material.

(a) *Unmarked documents or material.* Any document or material which is not marked as containing UCNI but which contains government information within the scope of the categories in § 1017.8 shall be marked with the notice in § 1017.15(a)(2) upon retirement to a repository (e.g., an agency's centralized records storage area, a Federal Records Center, the National Archives of the

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United States). The Secretary may approve alternative procedures to those described in this paragraph.

(b) *Marked documents or material.* A document or material containing an UCNI notice (refer to §1017.15) is not required to be reviewed by a Reviewing Official upon or subsequent to retirement, except that a Reviewing Official shall review any retired document or material upon request for its release into the public domain.

(c) *Existing documents or material.* Any document or material retired to a repository prior to the effective date of these regulations need not be reviewed for UCNI. However, any such document or material that is subsequently determined by a Reviewing Official to contain UCNI must be marked and protected by the repository in accordance with these regulations, upon notification from the Reviewing Official to the repository having the document or material.

## § 1017.14 Joint information, documents, or material.

(a) *Joint Information.* A Controlling Official shall coordinate with any other Government agency or DOE organization having cognizance over the information under consideration for control or decontrol prior to making the determination that the information is or is no longer UCNI.

(b) *Joint documents or material.* A Reviewing Official or a Denying Official reviewing a document or material for decontrol and public release shall coordinate this review with the DOE organization or Government agency originating the document or material and with each DOE organization or Government agency having cognizance over any information contained in the document or material.

(c) *Resolution of disagreements.* Since the DOE has overall cognizance over all UCNI and sole responsibility for implementation of section 148 of the Atomic Energy Act, the Secretary has the final authority to resolve all disagreements concerning—

(1) The identification of UCNI that is within the cognizance of more than one DOE organization or of a Government agency in addition to the DOE; or

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(2) The control or decontrol or all or any part of any document or material originated by or for the DOE or another Government agency that contains UCNI.

(d) *Notification of determinations.* An official making a determination concerning joint information, documents, or material shall inform affected organizations within the DOE or in other Government agencies of his or her determination.

(e) *Other government information control systems.* A document containing information within the scope of section 148 of the Atomic Energy Act may also contain information within the scope of other government information control systems. Where this is the case, the requirements of the more restrictive system apply.

## § 1017.15 Markings on documents or material.

(a) *Documents or material which may contain UCNI.* (1) Any person who originates or has in his or her possession a document or material that the person believes may contain UCNI, may mark in a conspicuous manner the document or material with the notice in the paragraph (a)(2) of this section prior to transmitting the document or material to a Reviewing Official for a formal determination.

(2) Any Authorized Individual who originates or has in his or her possession a document or material that the Authorized Individual believes may contain UCNI, shall mark in a conspicuous manner the document or material with the following notice—

(i) Prior to transmitting the document or material outside of the Authorized Individual's organization;

(ii) Prior to transmitting the document or material to a Reviewing Official; or

(iii) Upon the retirement of the document or material under §1017.13:

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May contain Unclassified Controlled Nuclear Information subject to section 148 of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended (42 U.S.C. 2168). Approval by the Department of Energy prior to release is required.

(b) *Documents or material which contain UCNI.* A Reviewing Official shall