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ATTN OF: 05-ORP-063 Chairman, Federal Technical Capability Panel

SUBJECT: QUARTERLY REPORT ON FEDERAL TECHNICAL CAPABILITY

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This Quarterly Report on the Federal Technical Capability Program (FTCP) contains information on the status of qualifications in the Technical Qualification Program (TQP) and technical skill gaps as of September 30, 2005.

Attachment 1 provides the Status of Qualifications in the TQP. The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) goal is to exceed an 80% fully qualified rate for all personnel in the TQP. Currently, the DOE qualification rate is 84%, the same as last quarter. Nine of 18 offices meet the 80% qualified goal. All of the offices that do not meet the goal are within National Nuclear Security Administration (NNSA). A second goal is that there will be no personnel participating in the TQP who are overdue in their qualifications. The Office of Environmental Management (EM) had fewer overdue personnel at the end of the quarter; however, NNSA showed a slight increase from eight in the previous quarter to 11.

Attachment 2 provides the status of qualifications for Safety System Oversight (SSO) personnel. These personnel are responsible for oversight of safety systems in nuclear facilities. Qualification requirements were established in May 2004 with the issuance of DOE Manual 426.1-1A, *Federal Technical Capability Manual*. As of September 30, 2005, sites identified 92 SSO personnel, of which 33 are fully qualified, up from 22 last quarter.

Attachment 3 provides charts of the status of qualification and technical skill gaps in the TQP and identifies qualification program trends.

If you have any questions or comments, please contact me, or your staff may contact John D. Evans, (202) 586-3685.



Roy J. Schepens, Chairman
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Attachments (3):

1. Status of Qualifications in the TQP
2. Status of Qualifications for SSO Personnel
3. TQP Status Charts

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