

Site Access and Science Working Group Report and Report from the GUV Center

*Susan White-DePace
RHIC & AGS Users' Center
Guest, User, Visitor Center
December 11, 2009*

BROOKHAVEN
NATIONAL LABORATORY

a passion for discovery



Overview

- DOE Revising DOE Order 142.3
- User Agreements
- National User Facility Organization
- Competitive Improvement Project

DOE Rewriting DOE Order 142.3

- Philosophy: let laboratories determine in their site security plans what needs to be protected and put mechanisms in place to protect appropriately.
- Required: documentation in FACTS, indices, verification and documentation of USCIS documents.
- One concern regarding off-site meetings still pending resolution

DOE Order 142.3 – BIG WINS

- Indices do not have to be completed for site access unless individuals are discussing sensitive subjects or entering into sensitive areas.
- Lawful permanent residents will be treated like US citizens
- Specification language in order has been removed
- Individuals from SSTs will be granted site access after 30 days unless justification is provided to laboratory and site managers or HQ cognizant program officer consults, which warrants a delay

Major Goals for Rewrite of Order

- Laboratories be granted site-level access approval for sensitive country foreign nationals conducting fundamental research at non-classified, non-security areas and facilities within their laboratories.
- Removal of requirement to complete background checks (known as indices) prior to granting site access.
- Base reviews on risk-based analyses (protect what needs to be protected).
- Based decisions on laboratory site security plans.

User Agreements Update

- 170 agreement signed to-date
- First proprietary agreement should be signed very soon
- Still waiting on inter-laboratory agreements, federally funded, and federal agency agreements from DOE

National User Facility Organization

- NUFO Steering Committee had a teleconference with Pat Dehmer on 11/19
- We will proceed with a User Facility Exhibition
- DOE investigating issues raised by NUFO

Competitive Improvement Process Team

- Set-up to look at guests process
- Brant Johnson, Yousef Makadisi, and S. White-DePace are on this team