

promulgated in the NISPOM. DoD, as the Executive Agent, shall use standards applicable to agencies as the basis for the requirements, restrictions, and safeguards contained in the NISPOM; however, the NISPOM requirements may be designed to accommodate as necessary the unique circumstances of industry. Any issue pertaining to deviation of industry requirements in the NISPOM from the standards applicable to agencies shall be addressed through the NISPOM coordination process.

§ 2004.22 Operational responsibilities [202(a)].

(a) *Designation of Cognizant Security Authority (CSA)*. The CSA for a contractor shall be determined by the preponderance of classified contract activity per agreement by the CSAs. The responsible CSA shall conduct oversight inspections of contractor security programs and provide other support services to contractors as necessary to ensure compliance with the NISPOM and that contractors are protecting classified information as required. DoD, as Executive Agent, shall serve as the CSA for all Executive Branch departments and agencies that are not a designated CSA. As such, DoD shall:

- (1) Provide training to industry to ensure that industry understands the responsibilities associated with protecting classified information.
- (2) Validate the need for contractor access to classified information, shall establish a system to request personnel security investigations for contractor personnel, and shall ensure adequate funding for investigations of those contractors under Department of Defense cognizance.
- (3) Maintain a system of eligibility and access determinations of contractor personnel.

(b) *General Responsibilities*. Executive Branch departments and agencies that issue contracts requiring industry to have access to classified information and are not a designated CSA shall:

- (1) Include the Security Requirements clause, 52.204-2, from the FAR in such contracts;
- (2) Incorporate a Contract Security Classification Specification (DD 254) into the contracts in accordance with the FAR subpart 4.4;
- (3) Sign agreements with the Department of Defense as the Executive Agent for industrial security services; and
- (4) Ensure applicable department and agency personnel having NISP implementation responsibilities are provided appropriate education and training.

§ 2004.23 Cost reports [203 (d)].

(a) The Executive Branch departments and agencies shall provide information each year to the Director, ISOO, on the costs within the agency associated with implementation of the NISP for the previous year.

(b) The DoD as the Executive Agent shall develop a cost methodology in coordination with industry to collect the costs incurred by contractors of all Executive Branch departments and agencies to implement the NISP, and shall report those costs to the Director, ISOO, on an annual basis.

§ 2004.24 Definitions.

For the purposes of this part the following definitions apply:

(a) *Cognizant Security Agencies (CSAs)* means the Executive Branch departments and agencies authorized in EO 12829, as amended, to establish industrial security programs: the Department of Defense, designated as the Executive Agent; the Department of Energy; the Nuclear Regulatory Commission; and the Central Intelligence Agency.

(b) *Contractor* means any industrial, education, commercial, or other entity, to include licensees or grantees that has been granted access to classified information. Contractor does not include individuals engaged under personal services contracts.

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J. William Leonard,

Director, Information Security Oversight Office.

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Allen Weinstein,

Archivist of the United States.

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Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans; New Mexico, Visibility

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Proposed rule.

SUMMARY: EPA is proposing to approve a revision to the New Mexico State Implementation Plan (SIP). This revision satisfies the New Source Review (NSR) and monitoring plan requirements for visibility, otherwise known as the "Phase I, Part I Visibility

SIP.;" In addition, this revision includes the implementation control strategies, integral vistas protection, and long term strategies, otherwise known as the "Phase I, Part II Visibility SIP." Lastly, EPA is proposing to remove the SIP disapprovals associated with Phase I, Parts I and II, and the resultant Federal Implementation Plans (FIPs).

DATES: Written comments must be received on or before February 27, 2006.

ADDRESSES: Comments may be mailed to Mr. Thomas Diggs, Chief, Air Planning Section (6PD-L), Environmental Protection Agency, 1445 Ross Avenue, Suite 1200, Dallas, Texas 75202-2733. Comments may also be submitted electronically or through hand delivery/courier by following the detailed instructions in the **ADDRESSES** section of the direct final rule located in the rules section of this **Federal Register**.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Joe Kordzi, Air Planning Section (6PD-L), Environmental Protection Agency, Region 6, 1445 Ross Avenue, Suite 700, Dallas, Texas 75202-2733, telephone (214) 665-7186; fax number 214-665-7263; e-mail address kordzi.joe@epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In the final rules section of this **Federal Register**, EPA is approving the State's SIP submittal as a direct final rule without prior proposal because the Agency views this as a noncontroversial submittal and anticipates no adverse comments. A detailed rationale for the approval is set forth in the direct final rule. If no adverse comments are received in response to this action rule, no further activity is contemplated. If EPA receives adverse comments, the direct final rule will be withdrawn and all public comments received will be addressed in a subsequent final rule based on this proposed rule. EPA will not institute a second comment period. Any parties interested in commenting on this action should do so at this time. Please note that if EPA receives adverse comment on an amendment, paragraph, or section of this rule and if that provision may be severed from the remainder of the rule, EPA may adopt as final those provisions of the rule that are not the subject of an adverse comment.

For additional information, see the direct final rule which is located in the "Rules and Regulations" section of this **Federal Register**.

Dated: January 18, 2006.

Richard E. Greene,

Regional Administrator, Region 6.

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