

DOE Differing Professional Opinion Process*

The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) has a variety of processes for its employees (including DOE federal, contractor, and subcontractor employees) to raise concerns so they are assessed and appropriate actions are taken. Use these processes to resolve issues at the lowest possible level. In rare cases, an employee may decide that despite efforts, a concern remains about a technical issue with a potential for significant impact on environment, safety, or health.

If you have a concern involving a technical issue with potential significant impact to environment, safety, and health and you have tried unsuccessfully to ensure that it is adequately addressed through lower-level processes, consider whether you should file a Differing Professional Opinion (DPO) through the DPO process discussed here and in [DOE O 442.2, Differing Professional Opinion for Technical Issues Involving Environmental, Safety, and Health Concerns](https://www.directives.doe.gov/directives/0442.2-BOrder/view) (<https://www.directives.doe.gov/directives/0442.2-BOrder/view>). If you decide you should, please read the DPO process in the link below, complete the suggested form and the relevant information, and submit your concern to the appropriate DOE DPO manager identified below.

Submit your DPO

- Use the [Web-based DPO submittal form](http://hsspublic.energy.gov/forms/dpo/dpo.aspx) (<http://hsspublic.energy.gov/forms/dpo/dpo.aspx>) to file your DPO or
- Use the links below to submit your DPO to a DPO manager.

Table of Assigned DPO Managers

	If your concern involves...	Submit your DPO to...	By email to...	Or by mail to...
For the Office of the Under Secretary for Nuclear Security	Any facility	Don Nichols	don.nichols@nnsa.doe.gov (202-586-3885)	Don Nichols, Associate Administrator Safety and Health National Nuclear Security Administration U.S. Department of Energy 1000 Independence Avenue, S.W. Washington, DC 20585
For the Office of Science and Energy	Any Office of Science hazard category 1, 2, or 3 nuclear facility ^[1]	Carol Sohn	carol.sohn@pnso.science.doe.gov (509-420-3281)	Carol Sohn, Chief of Nuclear Safety Office of Science U.S. Department of Energy P.O. Box 350, MS K9-42 Richland, WA 99352
	Any Office of Science facility other than a hazard category 1, 2, or 3 nuclear facility	Scott Davis	scott.davis@science.doe.gov (301-903-9641)	Scott Davis U. S. Department of Energy 19901 Germantown Road Germantown, MD 20874
	Any Office of Nuclear Energy facility	Kelli Markham	kelli.markham@nuclear.energy.gov (301-903-9252)	Kelli Markham Chief of Nuclear Safety Office of Nuclear Energy U.S. Department of Energy 19901 Germantown Road Germantown, MD 20874
	All other facilities	William Eckroade	william.eckroade@hq.doe.gov (202-287-5403)	William Eckroade Principal Deputy Chief for Mission Support Operations Office of Health, Safety and Security U.S. Department of Energy 1000 Independence Avenue, S.W. Washington, DC 20585
For the Office of the Under Secretary for Management and Performance	Any nuclear facility	Richard Lagdon	chip.lagdon@hq.doe.gov (202-586-0799)	Richard Lagdon, Chief of Nuclear Safety U.S. Department of Energy 1000 Independence Avenue, S.W. Washington, DC 20585
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¹ See Title 10 Code of Federal Register Part 830, Nuclear Safety Management, for the definition of nuclear facility. See [DOE-STD-1027-92](https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2012/02/02/2012-0202), Change Notice 1, *Hazard Categorization and Accident Analysis Techniques for Compliance with DOE Order 5480.23, Nuclear Safety Analysis Reports*, for the definitions of hazard category 1, hazard category 2, and hazard category 3 nuclear facilities. (<http://energy.gov/hss/downloads/doe-std-1027-92>)

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