

# LINES OF SUCCESSION

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**NATIONAL NUCLEAR SECURITY ADMINISTRATION**  
**Office of Emergency Operations**

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1. PURPOSE. Federal agencies are required to establish and maintain orders of succession for key positions. This Business Operating Procedure (BOP) establishes the lines of succession for the NNSA in the event the NNSA Continuity of Operations (COOP) Plan is activated or an emergency requiring immediate decision-making arises.
2. CANCELLATION. NNSA Policy Letter: BOP-40.001, *Lines of Succession* dated February 5, 2009.
3. APPLICABILITY. The provisions of this BOP apply to all NNSA organizations and elements.
4. REFERENCES.
  - a. Title XXXII of P.L. 106-65, National Nuclear Security Administration Act, as amended, which established a separately organized agency within the Department of Energy.
  - b. Executive Order 12656, "Assignment of Emergency Preparedness Responsibilities," November 18, 1988.
  - c. Federal Continuity Directive 1 (FCD 1) dated February 2008.
  - d. 5 USC 3345, Government Organization and Employees.
  - e. DOE Order 150.1, dated May 8, 2008.
  - f. DOE Continuity of Operations (COOP) Plan, dated May 2011.
  - g. DOE O 100.1D, dated April 2007.
5. REQUIREMENTS.
  - a. Any official performing the essential functions pursuant to this succession order, during the period of service under this order, may exercise all authority vested by law in the identified position necessary to ensure NNSA essential functions are performed.
  - b. No individual serving in an acting capacity in one of the positions identified below is included in this line of succession unless specifically designated in writing. The order of succession will skip any individual in an acting capacity and move to the next individual that is not in an acting capacity.

- c. The line of succession included herein is for emergency purposes and does not preclude the Administrator, Principal Deputy Administrator, Deputy Administrator, or Associate Administrator, as appropriate, from designating in writing an official chosen to perform selected routine responsibilities while temporarily on scheduled travel or leave.
- d. In the event that NNSA is incapacitated and Headquarters personnel are unavailable or incapable of deploying to the Germantown Alternate Operating Facility the Devolution of Control and Direction contained in the DOE COOP Plan will become effective. In this situation, Headquarters senior leadership, leadership responsibility, and essential functions will devolve to a designated Devolution of Operations site, which may be different for each office, as identified with an asterisk (\*) in the Lines of Succession below. If a site has not been identified, the NNSA Albuquerque Complex is the Remote Alternate Operating Facility.

6. LINES OF SUCCESSION.

- a. Administrator. In the event the Administrator dies, resigns, or is otherwise unable to perform the functions and duties of the office, the following officials, in the order indicated, shall perform the functions and duties temporarily, until the absence or disability ceases:
  - (1) Principal Deputy Administrator (serves in an acting capacity)
  - (2) Deputy Administrator for Defense Programs
  - (3) Deputy Administrator for Defense Nuclear Nonproliferation
  - (4) Associate Principal Deputy Administrator/Associate Administrator for Infrastructure and Operations
  - (5) Deputy Administrator for Naval Reactors
  - (6) Deputy Under Secretary for Counterterrorism
  - (7) Chief of Staff
  - (8) Principal Assistant Deputy Administrator (ADA) for Defense Programs
  - (9) Principal ADA for Military Application
  - (10) Principal ADA for Defense Nuclear Nonproliferation
  - (11) Associate Administrator for Emergency Operations

- (12) Associate Administrator for Defense Nuclear Security
  - (13) Associate Administrator for Management and Budget
  - (14) Associate Administrator for Acquisition and Project Management
  - (15) Associate Administrator for Safety and Health
  - (16) Associate Administrator for Information Management and Chief Information Officer
  - (17) ADA for Secure Transportation\*
- b. Deputy Administrator for Defense Programs (NA-10). In the event the Deputy Administrator dies, resigns, or is otherwise unable to perform the functions and duties of the office, the following officials, in the order indicated, shall perform the functions and duties temporarily, until the absence or disability ceases:
- (1) Principal ADA for Defense Programs (serves in an acting capacity)
  - (2) Principal ADA for Military Applications
  - (3) ADA for Stockpile Management
  - (4) ADA for Stockpile Stewardship
  - (5) ADA for Infrastructure and Construction
  - (6) ADA for Nuclear Safety, Nuclear Operations, and Governance Reform
  - (7) ADA for Secure Transportation\*
- c. Deputy Administrator for Defense Nuclear Nonproliferation (NA-20). In the event the Deputy Administrator dies, resigns, or is otherwise unable to perform the functions and duties of the office, the following officials, in the order indicated, shall perform the functions and duties temporarily, until the absence or disability ceases:
- (1) Principal ADA for Defense Nuclear Nonproliferation (serves in an acting capacity)

- (2) Chief Operating Officer
  - (3) ADA for International Material Protection & Cooperation
  - (4) ADA for Global Threat Reduction
  - (5) ADA for Nonproliferation Research & Development
  - (6) ADA for Nonproliferation & International Security
  - (7) ADA for Fissile Material Disposition
  - (8) Supervisory General Engineer, Savannah River Site\*
- d. Associate Administrator for Emergency Operations (NA-40). In the event the Associate Administrator dies, resigns, or is otherwise unable to perform the functions and duties of the office, the following officials, in the order indicated, shall perform the functions and duties temporarily, until the absence or disability ceases:
- (1) Deputy Associate Administrator for Emergency Operations (serves in an acting capacity)
  - (2) Director, Emergency Response
  - (3) Director, Emergency Management
  - (4) Render Safe Program Director
  - (5) Director, National Technical Nuclear Forensics
  - (6) Director, Emergency Management Implementation
  - (7) Manager, Nevada Site Office\*
  - (8) Manager, Los Alamos Site Office\*
  - (9) Manager, Livermore Site Office\*
  - (10) Manager, Sandia Site Office\*
  - (11) Manager, NNSA Production Office\*
- e. Associate Administrator for Defense Nuclear Security (NA-70). In the event the Associate Administrator dies, resigns, or is otherwise unable to perform the

functions and duties of the office, the following officials, in the order indicated, shall perform the functions and duties temporarily, until the absence or disability ceases:

- (1) Deputy Associate Administrator for Defense Nuclear Security (serves in an acting capacity)
- (2) Director, Field Support
- (3) Director, Security Operations and Performance Assurance
- (4) Director, Nuclear Materials Integration
- (5) Director, Security Services\*

f. Associate Administrator and Deputy Under Secretary for Counterterrorism and Counterproliferation (NA-80). In the event the Associate Administrator and Deputy Under Secretary dies, resigns, or is otherwise unable to perform the functions and duties of the office, the following officials, in the order indicated, shall perform the functions and duties temporarily, until the absence or disability ceases:

- (1) Deputy Associate Administrator for Counterterrorism and Counterproliferation (serves in an acting capacity)
- (2) Director, Nuclear Threat Science
- (3) Director, Counterterrorism Policy and Cooperation

g. Associate Administrator for Infrastructure and Operations (NA-00). In the event the Associate Administrator dies, resigns, or is otherwise unable to perform the functions and duties of the office, the following officials, in the order indicated, shall perform the functions and duties temporarily, until the absence or disability ceases:

- (1) Deputy Associate Administrator for Infrastructure and Operations (serves in an acting capacity)
- (2) Manager, NNSA Production Office

h. Associate Administrator for External Affairs (NA-EA-1). In the event the Associate Administrator dies, resigns, or is otherwise unable to perform the functions and duties of the office, the following officials, in the order indicated,

shall perform the functions and duties temporarily, until the absence or disability ceases:

- (1) Deputy Associate Administrator for External Affairs (serves in an acting capacity)
  - (2) Director, Congressional Affairs
  - (3) Director, Public Affairs
  - (4) Director, Intergovernmental Affairs
- i. General Counsel (NA-GC-1). In the event the General Counsel dies, resigns, or is otherwise unable to perform then functions and duties of the office, the following officials, in the order indicated, shall perform the functions and duties temporarily, until the absence or disability ceases:
- (1) Deputy General Counsel for Procurement, Intellectual Property and Technology Transfer
  - (2) Deputy General Counsel for Operations\*
  - (3) Deputy General Counsel for General Law
- j. Associate Administrator for Acquisition and Project Management (NA-APM-1). In the event the Associate Administrator dies, resigns, or is otherwise unable to perform the functions and duties of the office, the following officials, in the order indicated, shall perform the functions and duties temporarily, until the absence or disability ceases:
- (1) Deputy Associate Administrator for Acquisition and Project Management (serves in an acting capacity)\*
  - (2) Director, Acquisition Management
  - (3) Director, Enterprise Project Management
- k. Associate Administrator for Management and Budget (NA-MB-1). In the event the Associate Administrator dies, resigns, or is otherwise unable to perform the functions and duties of the office, the following officials, in the order indicated, shall perform the functions and duties temporarily, until the absence or disability ceases:
- (1) Deputy Associate Administrator for Financial Management (serves in an acting capacity)

- (2) Director, Planning, Programming, Budgeting and Evaluation
  - (3) Director, Human Capital Management Programs
  - (4) Director, Business Operations
  - (5) Director, Field Financial Management\*
- l. Associate Administrator for Information Management and Chief Information Officer (NA-IM-1). In the event the Associate Administrator dies, resigns, or is otherwise unable to perform the functions and duties of the office, the following officials, in the order indicated, shall perform the functions and duties temporarily, until the absence or disability ceases:
- (1) Deputy Associate Administrator for Information Management and Deputy Chief Information Officer (CIO) (serves in an acting capacity)
  - (2) Associate CIO for Policy and Governance
  - (3) Associate CIO for Classified Operations
  - (4) Associate CIO for Unclassified Operations\*
  - (5) Associate CIO for Resource Management
- m. Associate Administrator for Safety and Health (NA-SH-1). In the event the Associate Administrator dies, resigns, or is otherwise unable to perform the functions and duties of the office, the following officials, in the order indicated, shall perform the functions and duties temporarily, until the absence or disability ceases:
- (1) Deputy Associate Administrator for Safety and Health (serves in an acting capacity)
  - (2) Supervisor, Office of Nuclear Safety
  - (3) Supervisor, Office of Corporate Management Systems\*
  - (4) Supervisor, Office of Safety Analysis\*
  - (5) Supervisor, Office of Occupational Health\*

(6) Supervisor, Office of Operations and Safety Engineering\*

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BY ORDER OF THE ADMINISTRATOR:

  
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Administrator