WEAPON QUALITY ASSURANCE (WQA) BULLETIN

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CONTROL OF MARK QUALITY MATERIAL - PRODUCTION "BONDED" STORES

All Mark Quality (MQ) materials and products are required to be controlled and traceable. It is incumbent upon the M&O to identify/establish compliant storage locations and to create processes and procedures to meet NAP-401.1 requirements and maintain control of MQ product through to final disposition (i.e., cancelled, scrapped).

Current *Weapon Quality Policy* (NAP-401.1) provides the following information:

- NAP-401.1, Section 3.7 states: "A process shall be established and documented so that items are identified and controlled to ensure proper use and maintained to prevent damage, loss, or deterioration."
- NAP-401.1, Section 3.11 states: "Handling, storage, packaging, and delivery shall be controlled to prevent damage, loss, deterioration, or substitution, and the process to control handling, storage, packaging and delivery shall be documented."

For situations that warrant diversion of MQ product, it is incumbent on the user (receiving site) to control the product in the same quality status as it was when authorized by NNSA to be diverted from one intended-use to another. Please reference Guidance and Clarification (G&C) Message 2018-001 for applying Post Acceptance Diversion Indicators on weapon product diverted for MQ non-WR and non-MQ applications.

NNSA invests a large amount of resources into producing MQ product. Therefore, all MQ diamond stamped product must be maintained and controlled during all phases of the process until the product stamp is cancelled (stamp line through) or scrapped ("X" overstamp) either as a part of the normal lifecycle of the product or through an approved diversion memo written by the Federal Program Office (FPO) with concurrence from the Weapon Quality Division (WQD/NA-121.3).

The revision to *Weapon Quality Policy* (NAP 401.1A) will include language to establish a set of minimum rules for a production store.