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SUBJECT: ACTION: Notice of Intent to Revise DOE Order 241.1A,
Scientific and Technical Information Management

PURPOSE: DOE Order 241.1A, Scientific and Technical Information Management, establishes a corporate framework for ensuring that scientific and technical information (STI) emanating from DOE-funded research and development and other work is made broadly available to advance scientific knowledge, in support of DOE's mission to promote scientific discovery and innovation. For STI not publicly releasable, this order sets forth responsibilities to ensure appropriate protection according to legal and/or Departmental requirements. This directive is purposely designed to have minimum burden while achieving the goals set forth in law.

JUSTIFICATION: The revision to DOE Order 241.1A is required per guidelines for the routine certification of Departmental Orders and will also provide DOE elements with clarification of certain roles and responsibilities. In addition, the revision will reflect current statutory references and responsibilities, such as the Energy Policy Act of 2005, section 982, which specifically identifies DOE's Office of Scientific and Technical Information (OSTI) as the DOE entity with lead responsibility, stating, "The Secretary, through the Office of Scientific and Technical Information, shall maintain within the Department publicly available collections of scientific and technical information resulting from research, development, demonstration, and commercial applications activities supported by the Department." Other recent guidelines also will be reflected, such as the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) schedule for R&D and STI records and the Office of Science and Technology Policy's Principles



for the Release of Scientific Research Results. This revision will also update the definition of STI to include digital formats as well as clarifying proper attribution of the sponsor of DOE-funded research at the program level for all DOE programs.

This directive does not duplicate existing laws, regulations or national standards and it does not create undue burden on the Department.

IMPACT:

The revised Order will ensure continued Departmental compliance with the Energy Policy Act of 2005, Section 982, and related legislation pertaining to the dissemination of STI. As this is a routine revision to both an existing Order and its associated Contractor Requirements Document (CRD), any impact is considered minimal. No additional impacts on other directives, technical standards or procedures are anticipated.

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DECISION:

Concur: _____

Nonconcur: _____

Date: _____