

U.S. Department of Energy

Oak Ridge Office

ORO O 220
Chapter VII
Change 5

DATE: 05/08/2007

SUBJECT: AUDIT RESOLUTION AND FOLLOW-UP

1. PURPOSE. This Chapter correlates to DOE O 224.3, AUDIT RESOLUTION AND FOLLOW-UP, dated January 24, 2005, by assigning responsibility and accountability and providing administrative and/or contractual guidance to the Oak Ridge Office (ORO), the Pacific Northwest Site Office (PNSO), the Stanford Site Office (SSO), the Thomas Jefferson Site Office (TJSO), and their contractors. Nothing in this issuance changes any requirements contained in any Department of Energy (DOE) Directive.
2. CANCELLATION. This Chapter cancels and replaces ORO O 220, Chapter VII, Change 4, AUDIT RESOLUTION AND FOLLOW-UP, dated April 29, 2005.
3. APPLICABILITY. The provisions of this Chapter apply to ORO, PNSO, SSO, TJSO.
4. RESPONSIBILITIES.
 - a. Director, Financial Evaluation and Accountability Division (FEAD).
 - (1) Performs those tasks identified in DOE O 224.3, subparagraph 5d.
 - (2) Establishes ORO, PNSO, SSO, TJSO audit follow-up process and monitors the contractors' follow-up activities to ensure that audit reports are resolved and documentation is maintained in accordance with DOE O 224.3.
 - (3) Coordinates follow-up actions to ensure that audit findings and recommendations are resolved within six (6) months from an audit report issuance date or receipt date (as applicable).
 - (4) Advises the Manager, ORO, and applicable Site Office managers on the status of all open audit reports and all actions taken to correct deficiencies and implement recommendations.
 - b. Director, Oak Ridge Financial Service Center (ORFSC).
 - (1) Establishes accounting and collection controls to ensure prompt recovery of amounts due the Government and prompt payment of amounts owed by the Government.
 - (2) Notifies the appropriate Audit Action Officer and FEAD of all collections of audit-related debts.

- c. Action Officers (Contracting Officers, Contract Specialists, Contracting Officer's Representatives, and other Designated Officials).
- (1) Prepare and transmit to FEAD, as soon as possible, but not later than six (6) months from issuance of audit reports, an Audit Report Action Plan on open audit report recommendations identified in DOE O 224.3. (See sample Audit Report Action Plan, Attachment 2 of this Chapter.)
 - (2) Respond to requests of the FEAD and provide audit follow-up information and updates on open audit report recommendations by the 15th day of September, December, March, and June for preparation of the quarterly Departmental Audit Report Tracking System (DARTS) report to Headquarters. Information required includes copies of all correspondence to and from the contractor regarding audit reports, negotiation memoranda, policies or procedures developed as result of report recommendations, copies of checks where monies are recovered, and copies of final vouchers, or any information that documents closure of audit report recommendations.
 - (3) Prepare and transmit to the FEAD either a formal DARTS Status Report or information on the status of open report recommendations on applicable audit reports to meet the quarterly DARTS submission to Headquarters. (See sample DARTS Status Report, Attachment 3 of this Chapter.)
 - (4) Prepare and transmit to the FEAD an Audit Closeout Memorandum, which includes a certification at the bottom of the DARTS Status Report that an audit follow-up assessment or review has been conducted on each recommendation in the audit report. (See sample Audit Closeout Memorandum, Attachment 4 of this Chapter.)
 - (5) Monitor corrective actions on open audit report recommendations until completed and report corrective actions to the FEAD.
 - (6) Notify the FEAD and ORFSC of all accepted audit recommendations resulting in amounts due the Government or for payment of amounts by the Government.
 - (7) Coordinate and monitor the activities of contractors in the establishment and maintenance of an audit follow-up system in accordance with DOE O 224.3, including:
 - (a) Maintenance of complete and accurate files for each audit report issued on internal audits of contractors and subcontractors.
 - (b) Resolution of audit findings and recommendations within six (6) months from an audit report issuance date, or document exceptions.
- d. Principal Staff ensures that performance appraisals of appropriate officials reflect internal control effectiveness in carrying out audit resolution and follow-up responsibilities.
- e. Contractor Responsibilities. Contractors with internal audit staffs shall establish and maintain a formal follow-up system to manage the audit follow-up process and to provide a mechanism for providing data to DOE to support DARTS as well as to manage follow-up activities for contractor internal audits.

5. REQUIREMENTS AND PROCEDURES. None.
6. REFERENCES.
 - a. ORO O 220, Chapter III, Change 5, ESTABLISHMENT OF DEPARTMENTAL POSITION ON INSPECTOR GENERAL REPORTS, dated May 2, 2006, and any subsequent revisions.
 - b. ORO O 220, Chapter IV, Change 4, COORDINATION OF GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTABILITY OFFICE ACTIVITIES, dated April 29, 2005, and any subsequent revisions.
7. DEFINITIONS. None.
8. CONTRACTOR REQUIREMENTS DOCUMENT. See Contractor Requirements Document, Attachment 1 of this Chapter.
9. ATTACHMENTS.
 - a. Attachment 1 - Contractor Requirements Document.
 - b. Attachment 2 - Audit Report Action Plan.
 - c. Attachment 3 - DARTS Status Report.
 - d. Attachment 4 - Audit Closeout Memorandum.

CONTRACTOR REQUIREMENTS DOCUMENT

Contractors identified in Paragraph 3 of this Chapter will accomplish the following, to the extent set forth in their contract.

1. Contractors with internal audit staffs shall establish and maintain a formal follow-up system to manage the audit follow-up process and to provide a mechanism for providing data to the Department of Energy to support the Departmental Audit Report Tracking System (DARTS) as well as to manage follow-up activities for contractor internal audits.

AUDIT REPORT ACTION PLAN

OAK RIDGE OFFICE

DCAA AUDIT REPORT NO. 4161 -75171046 (DARTS NO. OR-00-043)

AUDITEE: XYZ CORPORATION

TITLE: "ADVISORY AUDIT ON TERMINATION SETTLEMENT PROPOSAL," CPFF
CONTRACT NO. DE-AC05-XXX002120

FINDING(S). The auditor questioned (\$99,999) potentially due the contractor. Revised questioned costs of (\$99,999). (See below.)

RECOMMENDATION. That questioned costs be reinstated to the contractor.

ACTION PLANNED. Concur. Negotiations have been ongoing between DOD and XYZ Corporation. Resolution is contingent upon the venture closeout and negotiation settlement. Questioned costs will be resolved when the Joint-Venture is closed out, which is now projected to be mm/dd/yy. On mm/dd/yy, a letter to XYZ suggested that it handle the settlement of indirect rates with XXX.

When the revised indirect rates (obtained from DCAA in March 1989) were substituted for the estimated rates used in the audit report, the refund of \$99,999 potentially due the contractor became a net payment due of \$99,999. Therefore, the questioned costs are revised to reflect this change. Closure is projected at mm/dd/yy.

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Procurement & Contracts Division
Oak Ridge Office

Date

DARTS STATUS REPORT
DEPARTMENTAL ELEMENT NAME
PERIOD ENDING - (USE CURRENT QUARTER END DATE)
GAO OR IG AUDIT REPORT NUMBER/DARTS NUMBER
DATE REPORT ISSUED/MANAGEMENT DECISION DATE

TITLE OF THE REPORT. Enter the title from the audit report.

FINDING(S). A brief synopsis of the report's findings.

RECOMMENDATION (#). Each open recommendation is to be repeated verbatim from the audit report and addressed separately.

ACTION PLANNED. State the action planned from the approved Management Decision (formerly called Departmental position). This information may be summarized if it is more than two paragraphs; however, do not change specific actions to be taken. A target date for completion of corrective action must also be provided; if unknown, state why. If it is determined that planned actions as stated in the Management Decision cannot be accomplished, a full explanation must be given below in the Status of Action update for the current semiannual period.

STATUS OF ACTION PERIOD ENDED (DATE). Describe specific actions taken and any delays encountered during the semiannual period. If the corrective actions planned have changed since the Management Decision was approved, give a full explanation.

The report should include a Status of Action for the current period, plus the two previous semiannual reporting periods; the sequence of the reporting periods is the current period's status report first, followed by the prior status reports in reverse chronological order. Also, recommendations for which corrective action has been completed and closure agreed to by the DOE Chief Financial Officer are to be deleted from the status report. A status update of "No change" or "Same as below" is unacceptable.

(Name and Signature of Audit Action Officer) (Title and Routing Symbol)

(Telephone Number) (Date)

The signature of both the audit action officer and the designated head of the primary organization or his/her designee must be included on the DARTS Status Report.

AUDIT CLOSEOUT MEMORANDUM
DEPARTMENTAL ELEMENT NAME
PERIOD ENDING - (USE CURRENT QUARTER END DATE)
GAO OR IG AUDIT REPORT NUMBER/DARTS NUMBER
DATE REPORT ISSUED/MANAGEMENT DECISION DATE

TITLE OF THE REPORT. Enter the title from the audit report.

FINDING(S). A brief synopsis of the report's findings.

RECOMMENDATION (#). Each open recommendation is to be repeated verbatim from the audit report and addressed separately.

ACTION PLANNED. State the action planned from the approved Management Decision (formerly called Departmental position). This information may be summarized if it is more than two paragraphs; however, do not change specific actions to be taken. A target date for completion of corrective action must also be provided; if unknown, state why. If it is determined that planned actions as stated in the Management Decision cannot be accomplished, a full explanation must be given below in the Status of Action update for the current semiannual period.

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*ASSURANCE:

THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT AN AUDIT FOLLOW-UP ASSESSMENT OR REVIEW HAS BEEN COMPLETED ON THE SUBJECT AUDIT REPORT OR RECOMMENDATIONS CONTAINED IN THE AUDIT REPORT, AND NECESSARY CORRECTIVE ACTIONS, IF ANY, HAVE BEEN COMPLETED.

(Name and Signature of Audit Action Officer) (Title and Routing Symbol)

(Telephone Number) (Date)

The signature of both the audit action officer and the designated head of the primary organization or his/her designee must be included on the Audit Closeout Memorandum.

*ASSURANCE: An “Assurance of Effectiveness of Corrective Actions Taken’ must be provided on audit reports in order to close them in DARTS. The “Assurance” must be signed by the Head of the Departmental element or his/her formal designee. If signed by the formal designee, a copy of the formal delegation of authority must be or have been provided to the Headquarters Office of Internal Review, Office of the Chief Financial Officer before closure can be effected.