

**QUESTION: DOE O 151.1C, Chapter I, paragraph 9i(3), requires the Cognizant Field Element, where applicable, to pre-designate the Senior Energy Official to coordinate Departmental activities under appropriate Federal plans. Is this responsibility applicable to all Field Elements?**

**ANSWER:**

When DOE O 151.1C was published on 11-2-05, no other DOE Directive addressed the requirement to pre-designate or otherwise appoint the senior DOE official to carry-out Departmental responsibilities under appropriate Federal plans.

After the publication of DOE O 151.1C, the title Senior Energy Official began to be used exclusively for the Federal employee who provides leadership at the event scene for DOE radiological response assets. DOE's responsibilities for support in nuclear/radiological emergencies are addressed in DOE O 153.1, *DEPARTMENTAL RADIOLOGICAL EMERGENCY RESPONSE ASSETS*, which was published on 6-27-2007. [cf. FAQ – Pre-designation of Senior Federal Official]

Under the appropriate Federal plans, the responsibility for leading DOE's response to energy infrastructure events rests with the Assistant Secretary for Electricity Delivery and Energy Reliability (OE-1). OE-1 does not find it necessary for Field Element Managers to pre-designate employees to lead teams to carry out DOE's responsibilities in non-nuclear/non-radiological emergencies.

The requirement/responsibility in DOE O 151.1C, Chapter I, paragraph 9i(3) is no longer necessary. It will be omitted in the upcoming revision of DOE O 151.1C.