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FROM: SAMUEL N. CALLAHAN  
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SUBJECT: Request for Policy Clarification: Department of Energy Order  
473.1A, *Physical Protection Program*, Attachment 2, Chapter  
III, Prohibited and Controlled Articles

#### REFERENCES:

1. Memorandum to Samuel Callahan from Lewis E. Monroe III, Subject: *Request for Policy Clarification Department of Energy (DOE) 473.1A Physical Protection Program, Attachment 2, Chapter III, Prohibited and Controlled Articles*, August 18, 2023
2. Memorandum to James W. Edwards from Louis E. Kohrs, Subject: *Sandia National Laboratories (SNL) Department of Energy (DOE) Order 473.1A, Physical Protection Program, Attachment 2, Chapter III, Prohibited and Controlled Articles Clarification Request*, July 6, 2023
3. Memorandum to Terry Cuba from Samantha Flores, Subject: *Policy Clarification of Department of Energy (DOE) Order 473.1A Physical Protection Program, Chapter III A, Prohibited and Controlled Articles*, April 27, 2023
4. Department of Energy Order 473.1A, *Physical Protection Program*, August 30, 2021
5. Department of Energy Order 473.3A, Chg. 1 *Protection Program Operations*, January 2, 2018

The Office of Security (EHSS-50), within the Office of Environment, Health, Safety and Security, reviewed your policy clarification request and the supporting documentation (References 1-3) regarding the controlled articles requirements in Reference 4, Attachment 2, Chapter III, Paragraph 3, a., (3), which states the following:

Government owned PEDs [portable electronic devices], information technology systems may only be authorized for introduction and use within LA's [limited areas] VTR's [vault type rooms], PA's protected areas and MAA's [Material Access Areas] by the ODFSA [Officially Designated Federal Security Authority]. Any ODFSA approval must be based on a documented risk analysis incorporating technical security countermeasures and cybersecurity input.

The request specifically asks for the definition of “Government owned PEDs, information technology systems...” That sentence was meant to read, “Government owned PEDs *and* information technology systems...” The term “information technology systems” was used to update the terminology from the superseded order, Reference 5, which used the term “computer systems. The Integrated Project Team that developed Reference 4 determined “computer systems” to be an outdated term, and “information technology systems” was used instead. PEDs are portable electronic devices, both government and personally owned, capable of recording information or transmitting data (e.g., audio, video, radio frequency, infrared, and/or data link electronic equipment).

Program Offices/Departmental elements should ensure the information in this clarification is transmitted to their respective sites/facilities and field/site offices.

Should you have additional questions, please contact Mr. Dave Golden at (301) 903-8290 or [david.golden@hq.doe.gov](mailto:david.golden@hq.doe.gov).

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