

**§ 109–27.202**

commodity groups. The study may be accomplished over a period of time, until all commodity groups have been considered. The study should address functional requirements, activity levels of commodity groups and individual items, and potential impacts on local suppliers and small and disadvantaged businesses. An industrial relations analysis on existing labor relations and union contracts may also be necessary.

(c) As required in the DEAR, DOE offices and designated contractors are required to consider the use of GSA supply sources when economically advantageous to the Government. These sources must be considered in the conduct of the feasibility study.

(d) DOE contracting offices shall evaluate the initial cost benefit studies performed by contractors to verify the savings and other benefits of systems contracting, and shall approve its implementation. In those instances where a cost benefit study has previously been performed, the DOE contracting office shall ensure that those studies have been evaluated and the approval to proceed with systems contracting has been provided to the contractor in writing.

(e) DOE offices shall periodically re-evaluate systems contracting operations conducted by their office and designated contractors to ensure that required property management controls are being followed.

**Subpart 109–27.2—Management of Shelf-Life Materials**

**§ 109–27.202 Applicability.**

When considered more suitable, designated contractors may use other generally accepted approaches to the management of shelf-life materials.

**Subpart 109–27.3—Maximizing Use of Inventories**

**§ 109–27.302 Applicability.**

When considered more suitable, designated contractors may use other generally accepted approaches to maximizing use of inventories.

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**Subpart 109–27.4—Elimination of Items From Inventory**

**§ 109–27.402 Applicability**

When considered more suitable, designated contractors may use other generally accepted approaches to determine which items should be eliminated from inventory.

**Subpart 109–27.50—Inventory Management Policies, Procedures, and Guidelines**

**§ 109–27.5001 Objectives.**

Necessary inventories shall be established and maintained at reasonable levels, consistent with DOE requirements, applicable laws and regulations, and the following objectives:

(a) The maintenance of adequate stock levels through accurate analyses of quantities to determine requirements and stock replenishments so that only minimal obsolescence losses will be encountered while ensuring adequate inventory levels to meet program schedules;

(b) The protection of materials against misuse, theft, and misappropriation;

(c) The maintenance of an efficient operation; and

(d) The standardization of inventories to the greatest extent practicable.

**§ 109–27.5002 Stores inventory turnover ratio.**

Comparison of investment in stores inventories to annual issues shall be made to assure that minimum inventories are maintained for the support of programs. This comparison may be expressed either as a turnover ratio (dollar value of issues divided by dollar value of inventory) or in the average number of month's supply on hand. Turnover or number of month's supply is calculated only on current-use inventory. Performance goals, i.e., a six months investment or a turnover ratio of 2.0, shall be established for each stores using activity. It is recognized, however, that extenuating operating circumstances may preclude the achievement of such objectives.