§ 2004.10  Responsibilities of the Director, Information Security Oversight Office (ISOO) [102(b)].

The Director ISOO shall:

(a) Implement EO 12829, as amended.

(b) Ensure that the NISP is operated as a single, integrated program across the Executive Branch of the Federal Government; i.e., that the Executive Branch departments and agencies adhere to NISP principles.

(c) Ensure that each contractor’s implementation of the NISP is overseen by a single Cognizant Security Authority (CSA), based on a preponderance of classified contracts per agreement by the CSAs.

(d) Ensure that all Executive Branch departments and agencies that contract for classified work have included the Security Requirements clause, 52.204–2, from the Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR), or an equivalent clause, in such contract.

(e) Ensure that those Executive Branch departments and agencies for which the Department of Defense (DoD) serves as the CSA have entered into agreements with the DoD that establish the terms of the Secretary’s responsibilities on behalf of those agency heads.

§ 2004.11  Agency Implementing Regulations, Internal Rules, or Guidelines [102(b)(3)].

(a) Reviews and Updates. All implementing regulations, internal rules, or guidelines that pertain to the NISP shall be reviewed and updated by the originating agency, as circumstances require. If a change in national policy necessitates a change in agency implementing regulations, internal rules, or guidelines that pertain to the NISP, the agency shall promptly issue revisions.

(b) Reviews by ISOO. The Director, ISOO, shall review agency implementing regulations, internal rules, or guidelines, as necessary, to ensure consistency with NISP policies and procedures. Such reviews should normally occur during routine oversight visits, when there is indication of a problem that comes to the attention of the Director, ISOO, or after a change in national policy that impacts such regulations, rules, or guidelines. The Director, ISOO, shall provide findings from such reviews to the responsible department or agency.

§ 2004.12  Reviews by ISOO [102(b)(4)].

The Director, ISOO, shall fulfill his monitoring role based, in part, on information received from NISP Policy Advisory Committee (NISPPAC) members, from on-site reviews that ISOO conducts under the authority of EO 12829, as amended, and from complaints and suggestions from persons within or outside the Government. Findings shall be reported to the responsible department or agency.

Subpart B—Operations

§ 2004.20  National Industrial Security Program Operating Manual (NISPOM) [201(a)].

(a) The NISPOM applies to release of classified information during all phases of the contracting process.

(b) As a general rule, procedures for safeguarding classified information by contractors and recommendations for changes shall be addressed through the NISPOM coordination process that shall be facilitated by the Executive Agent. The Executive Agent shall address NISPOM issues that surface from industry, Executive Branch departments and agencies, or the NISPPAC. When consensus cannot be achieved through the NISPOM coordination process, the issue shall be raised to the NSC for resolution.