

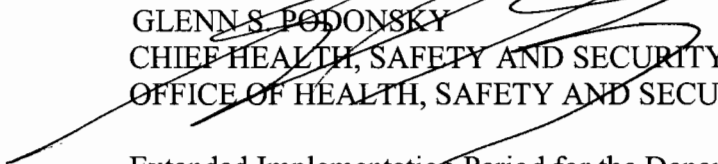


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MEMORANDUM FOR DISTRIBUTION

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SUBJECT: Extended Implementation Period for the Department of Energy "Day Handgun Qualification Course of Fire" Scoring Requirement

On November 25, 2008, the Office of Health, Safety and Security (HSS) approved two new standardized Department of Energy (DOE) firearms qualification courses, one of which was the "Day Handgun Qualification Course of Fire" for Security Police Officer (SPO)-Is. The approval memorandum introduced the new requirements and authorized a 1-year implementation period, culminating on October 1, 2009. The new day handgun course is based on the previous handgun course of fire; however, the 50-yard line was eliminated, the protective mask was added at the 10 yard line, and the validated scoring requirement changed from 70 percent to 80 percent. Due to concerns relating to the change in scoring, SPO-Is were permitted to qualify during the transition year at 70 percent.

During the last few months, a variety of concerns regarding the implementation of the new handgun course of fire have been brought to the attention of the Protective Force Career Options Committee (PFCOC). The president of the National Council of Security Police (NCSP) and other NCSP delegates to the committee have attested to delays at some sites in completing implementation, limitations in the amount of range time available to enable the SPOs to prepare to meet the 80 percent requirement, and a growing concern that the end of the implementation phase would be marked by a significant number of failures to qualify. Such a result would disadvantage many SPOs and burden the sites with inconvenient and potentially expensive remediation efforts.

In response, the PFCOC has recommended an extension of the 70 percent scoring requirement for the "Day Handgun Qualification Course of Fire" through the remainder of calendar year 2010. The intent of this extension is to provide sites with additional time to assist personnel to perform at the 80 percent standard, as



well as to allow HSS and the program offices an opportunity to gather additional data concerning associated training needs. The appropriate scoring level may be re-evaluated also.

HSS is pleased to act in accordance with this recommendation, and hereby approves the extension of the 70 percent scoring requirement for the DOE "Day Handgun Qualification Course of Fire" until December 31, 2010. If you have any questions, or if you need any further information regarding this matter, please contact Al Nettleingham, of my staff, at (301) 903-2536.

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