

**National Technology Transfer and Advancement Act  
Office of Management and Budget Report for FY 2016  
Questions and Responses**

**Question 1:**

Please provide a summary of your agency's activities undertaken to carry out the provisions of OMB Circular A-119, "Federal Participation in the Development and Use of Voluntary Consensus Standards and in Conformity Assessment Activities". The summary should contain a link to the agency's standards-specific website(s) where information about your agency's standards and conformity assessment related activities are available.

**Response:**

**For the record, the Department of Energy (DOE) relies heavily on voluntary consensus standards (VCSs) to fulfill its mission. DOE has a long history of working with the VCS community to develop standards that help DOE achieve its mission with regard to the safety, security, design, operations, and maintenance of its facilities. Where appropriate, VCSs are referenced or invoked in our directives or contracts as the means to meeting our specific requirements.**

**In accordance with the 2016 Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Report data call, the DOE Technical Standards Program (TSP) asked for input from all DOE organizations. Although the 2016 OMB report is not asking for the level of detail requested in previous years, DOE will continue to collect data in the manner it has in the past. DOE believes that collecting this data is important for trending, as well as for being able to ascertain how organizations use VCSs.**

**Current Relevant Internet Links: DOE Technical Standards Program**

**<http://energy.gov/ehss/services/nuclear-safety/departement-energy-technical-standards-program>**

**Please note that DOE is finalizing a new and improved DOE Technical Standards Program Website. This website will replace the website at the URL listed above, in CY-2017.**

## Question 2:

Please list the government-unique standards your agency used in lieu of voluntary consensus standards during FY 2016:

## Response:

### 0 Government-Unique Standards (GUS) introduced in 2016

The Department of Energy did not introduce any GUS's in 2016. The DOE Technical Standards Program has a detailed set of procedures which include the performance of a mandatory search for existing VCSs prior to initiating a DOE Standard development or revision project. This search is carried out as part of a "Project Justification" phase, in which, details of the search results are documented. During 2016, DOE did not develop or revise a DOE Standard where there was an appropriate and applicable VCS that could have been used instead.

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**Questions 3 - 10 have been rescinded as per the most recent revision of OMB Circular A-119, "Federal Participation in the Development and Use of Voluntary Consensus Standards and in Conformity Assessment Activities". Please note that because of the manner in which the reporting tool application is designed, the rescinded questions are still included in the report.**

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