

The following reference, **DOE 1996c**, has been classified as Official Use Only material; and therefore is unavailable for public use because of its sensitive nature.

The Office of Health, Safety and Security provides information on DOE's agency-wide Official Use Only (OUO) program, accessible online at: <http://www.hss.doe.gov/classification/QualityMgt/ouo.html> and is included in this file. Information regarding the DOE's OUO program is located on Page 2, for convenience.

If you have questions regarding the DOE's OUO program, contact the Office of Classification Outreach at [outreach@hq.doe.gov](mailto:outreach@hq.doe.gov).

<i><b>Citation</b></i>	<i><b>Full Reference</b></i>
DOE 1996c	DOE (U.S. Department of Energy), 1996c, Final Environmental Impact Statement for the Nevada Test Site and Off-Site Locations in the State of Nevada, DOE/EIS-0243, Nevada Operations Office, Las Vegas, Nevada, August.

## Official Use Only Program

In 2003, the DOE established an agency-wide Official Use Only (OUO) program to identify and protect unclassified information release because of its sensitive nature.

Examples of OUO information include:

Commercial/proprietary information, such as financial information related to bids, contracts, or proposals;

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Personal information, such as social security numbers or performance evaluation reports.

Law Enforcement Information, such as civil or criminal investigations, measures to protect Federal buildings and manuals.

All DOE employees who deal with sensitive information should be familiar with the OUO directives, including the mark following resources will assist you in understanding OUO, making accurate OUO determinations, and ensuring that OI

Please note that Exemption 2 is no longer valid as a basis for OUO determinations. As of March 2011, the scope of Ex as "Circumvention of Statute" and concerned information whose disclosure would risk circumvention of a legal require include only information that relates "solely to the internal personnel rules and practices of an agency."

For information concerning classification and UCNI guide topics that cite Exemption 2, refer to [Policy Bulletin Number](#) determinations not based on guidance, Exemption 2 must not be used and other exemptions should be examined to below may provide assistance.

### Official Use Only briefing

Other materials concerning OUO are being updated to reflect the change and will be posted on this web page when [DOE O 471.3 Admin Chg 1, Identifying and Protecting Official Use Only Information](#)

[DOE M 471.3-1 Admin Chg 1, Manual for Identifying and Protecting Official Use Only Information](#)

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