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### Prescription Medication Reporting Requirements

#### L- and Q-cleared Workers

The Department of Energy (DOE) and the National Nuclear Security Administration (NNSA) Service Center (Personnel Security Department) have seen an increased number of cases where workers are using prescription drugs that have not been prescribed to them. This creates a significant security concern since it is illegal to share or accept prescription drugs from anyone – even once.

Security clearance applicants or incumbents must not use prescription medicine not specifically given to them by a certified medical professional.

Another potential security concern is when a worker prescribed a medication arbitrarily stops taking or increases/decreases dosages contrary to medical direction. The US Food and Drug Administration has warned that prescription drugs can be dangerous or even lethal when abused or taken without a prescription.

Effective January 1, 2008, DOE/NNSA may terminate or refuse to grant or renew a security clearance for a covered person who is an unlawful user of a controlled substance or an addict (as defined in section 102(1) of the *Controlled Substances Act* (21 U.S.C. 802)).

#### Human Reliability Program (HRP) Participants and Applicants

HRP-certified workers and workers who are applying for HRP certification (applicants) are required to immediately report to the Designated Physician, the Designated Psychologist, or the Site Occupational Medical Director any physical or mental condition requiring medication or treatment. Additionally, HRP-certified workers and applicants must immediately report any prescribed medicines.

When reporting is done over the phone, workers may be asked to come to Occupational Medicine for further evaluation. Workers must respond when directed.



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