

SELF-ASSESSMENT REPORT

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Assessment information

Start date > 01/31/2011 End date > 02/14/2011 Assessed CD
organization >
Title > Suspect/Counterfeit Items
Motivation > Assessment
Category > Scheduled Frequency > Annual Type Tripartite self-assessment
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Assessment team

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Assessment narrative report

Background and Planning

The assessment began on Jan. 31, 2011, with an opening meeting involving the ES&H Tripartite Assessment Team, OQBP, the CD Division Head, CD Senior Management and CD Department Heads. In the meeting, the scope of the tripartite was explained and the interviewees were identified. Interviews were conducted alongside OQBP, who was also conducting an S/C I Assessment in parallel with the tripartite audit, but focusing on quality assurance issues (separate report). The goal of the tripartite assessment was to understand the extent of implementation of the S/C I Program in departments that might work with legacy equipment that has been shelved for a period of time or receive pre-fabricated equipment from universities.

Employees Interviewed

The following is the list of people interviewed from the ES&H Tripartite Team:

Gustavo Cancelo – Future Programs and Experiments, Electronic Systems Engineering

Alan Prosser - Future Programs and Experiments, Electronic Systems Engineering,
Detector Instrumentation

Dave Coder – Lab and Scientific Core Services, Network and Virtual Services

Vince Pavlicek - Future Programs and Experiments, Electronic Systems Engineering,
Division S/C I Coordinator

Adam Walters – Scientific Computing Facilities, Facility Operations

Chuck Andrews - Lab and Scientific Core Services, Network and Virtual Services

Narrative

Along with questions asked from the OQBP Team, questions from the ES&H Team focused on legacy equipment, Pro-Card purchases and equipment received from other institutions. Specific questions included,

- How is the decision made to pull legacy equipment off of the shelf?
- If an item looks suspicious or if equipment fails, what actions should the employee take?
- Does management have a formal system of controls in place for assurance that all items procured meet the requirements for their intended use?
- Are Pro-Card purchases inspected? If so, how?

Legacy equipment is pulled from the PREP pool. It was stated that the decision to reuse equipment from the pool is based on the consensus of many; otherwise it is excessed or disposed off. Previously used equipment is not used to maintain the computer rooms.

There is no evidence to show a consistent program in place for handling suspicious or failed equipment, and not everyone interviewed knew who the S/C I Coordinator was. The Detector Instrumentation group, which designs and orders printed circuit boards (PCBs) and flex boards, will visually inspect the boards upon receipt to verify the design requirements. Any issues found are communicated to the vendor. Network Services will register the serial number of material and test the equipment. If the device fails, it is sent back to the vendor. The Facilities Operations group has a graded approach when inspecting and testing equipment. Rented generators will be given a 10 to 15 minute test run before actual use. During this time, the meters in the building are checked for phase rotation, and the cable connections are checked, as well. A written procedure exists for this.

All of the individuals interviewed stated that they only buy from reputable dealers. This is a good practice, but is not full protection against the vulnerability of buying and using S/CI. Even reputable dealers can be fooled if the dealer does not have an S/CI program in place. A process is needed where equipment is inspected once it is received. Verbiage in purchasing contracts is in place which requires the manufacturer or dealer to have an S/C I Program. While this gives some measure of protection, it cannot be solely relied upon, as the program may not be sufficient. Procard purchases do not have even this layer of protection.

Conclusion:

To keep from duplicating effort, recommendations and findings can be found in the OQBP Report. Findings from that report will be entered into frESHTRK.

FINDINGS

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