

United States House of Representatives Select Committee on China
Protecting American Innovation: The Federal Research Security Enterprise
Questions for the Record Submitted to the Honorable Mr. Jeremy Ison
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QUESTION FROM REPRESENTATIVE DAN NEWHOUSE

Q1. Universities such as Washington State University—which have campuses in my district—have invested substantial time and resources to comply with NSPM-33, CHIPS and Science Act requirements, research security training mandates, foreign influence disclosures, cybersecurity requirements, and talent recruitment program restrictions. What additional actions is your agency planning to mandate, and what specific measures does Congress need to implement that your agency cannot on its own?

A1. Department of Energy (DOE) recognizes the substantial resources that institutions such as Washington State University have devoted to Federal research security requirements. The Department’s near-term priority is to implement existing statutory and executive requirements clearly and consistently. DOE is coordinating with National Science Foundation (NSF) and other Federal partners to implement National Security Presidential Memorandum (NSPM)-33 research security program requirements and is developing a DOE Order and Financial Assistance Letter to govern DOE implementation. The Department also recently issued its conflict of interest and conflict of commitment policy.¹

¹*Financial Assistance Regulations-Conflict of Interest and Conflict of Commitment Policy Requirements*, 2 CFR Part 910, [DOE-HQ-2024-0029] (July 16, 2026), <https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2026/07/16/2026-14333/financial-assistance-regulations-conflict-of-interest-and-conflict-of-commitment-policy-requirements>