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MEMORANDUM

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SUBJECT: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Interim Policy Notice (IPN) 25-13, Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) Class Deviation, RFO-2025-50, for FAR Part 50 in Support of Executive Order 14275 on Restoring Common Sense to Federal Procurement

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1. Purpose. This IPN approves a class deviation to the FAR for purposes of implementing the Federal Acquisition Regulatory Council's (the Council's) model deviation text to FAR Part 50.

2. Background. [Executive Order \(E.O.\) 14275 on Restoring Common Sense to Federal Procurement](#) signed April 15, 2025, mandates a comprehensive review and simplification of the FAR.

The FAR is being updated to:

- Eliminate non-statutory language
- Remove redundant or obsolete language
- Enhance clarity through plain language
- Align with the new FAR framework
- Preserve essential governmentwide acquisition standards

This project is referred to as the Revolutionary FAR Overhaul (RFO) initiative. This initiative will make the FAR more concise, understandable, and focused on core procurement requirements.

3. Summary of Changes. FAR Part 50, Extraordinary Contractual Actions and the SAFETY Act, has been updated for clarity and practical use.

Statutory requirements and presidential directives retained in the RFO FAR Part 50 model deviation include, but are not limited to, the following:

- National Defense Contracts (50 U.S.C. § 1431 et seq)

- Support Anti-Terrorism by Fostering Effective Technologies (6 U.S.C. § 441 eq seq)
- Contracting Authority in Connection With National-Defense Functions (E.O. 10789)

Change	Description
Retained	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All subparts and sections throughout the part are retained. • All provisions and clauses are retained, specifically: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Clause 52.250-1, Indemnification Under Public Law 85-804 ○ Provision 52.250-2, SAFETY Act Coverage Not Applicable ○ Provision 52.250-3, SAFETY Act Block Designation/Certification ○ Provision 52.250-4, SAFETY Act Pre-qualification Designation Notice ○ Clause 52.250-5, SAFETY Act—Equitable Adjustment <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ This clause was updated with plain language edits.
Removed	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Plain language edits were made throughout to enhance readability and remove redundant, unclear, or non-essential language, decreasing the word count by more than 500 words.

*This table is not an exhaustive list

4. Instructions. The EPA acquisition workforce shall follow the RFO Part 50 model deviation text instead of FAR Part 50 as codified at 48 CFR Chapter 50. The Council’s RFO Part 50 model deviation text is available at [Acquisition.gov/far-overhaul](https://www.acquisition.gov/far-overhaul) and is incorporated into this class deviation. At this time there is no impact to EPA’s Acquisition Regulations (EPAAR) or EPA Acquisition Policy (EPAAP).

5. Applicability. This class deviation applies to all EPA procurements.

6. Authority. This class deviation is issued under the authority of E.O. 14275, [OMB M-25-26](#), and 48 CFR 1.4 and RFO FAR 1.304.

7. Effective Date. This class deviation is effective immediately and remains in effect until rescinded or incorporated into the FAR.

8. Points of Contact. Questions regarding this class deviation may be directed to OMS-ARM-OAS-AcquisitionPolicy@epa.gov.