



57th DEFENSE WORKING GROUP ON NONDESTRUCTIVE TESTING



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From: Chairman, Defense Working Group on Nondestructive Testing

To: Federal Working Group on Industrial Digital Radiography

Subject: LETTER OF ENDORSEMENT

Reference: Charter, Federal Working Group on Industrial Digital Radiography, October 16th 2008

1. The 57th Defense Working Group on Nondestructive Testing (DWGNDT) recognizes the importance and urgency within the defense industry to incorporate digital radiographic technology for inspection of our nation's military hardware. Improved imaging techniques are critical to insuring the quality and reliability of equipment, on which our servicemen rely to protect themselves, and indeed our entire country.
2. The establishment of a Federal Working Group on Industrial Digital Radiography (FWG-IDR) for the advancement of digital x-ray technology is urgently needed to address the changes required in radiographic inspection due to technology advancement and the diminishing availability of film. There are many advantages associated with digital radiography, but proper implementation is imperative to insure the reliability of our radiographic operations.
3. On behalf of the 57th DWGNDT, we endorse your efforts in driving the radiographic industry forward in development, implementation, utilization, and education of digital radiographic imaging technology. We also encourage you to contact members of the DWGNDT and utilize their knowledge, skills and experiences to assist the FWG-IDR during this transition.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Carlos B. Ochoa".

Carlos B. Ochoa
Chairman,
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on Nondestructive Testing