

Pressure Safety Task Team June 2009 Conference Call Minutes

The conference call began at 11:00 a.m.(EDT) on June 4, 2009.

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The Agenda and Discussion (in green) were as:

1. Interest in Fall '09 meeting (Oak Ridge (ORNL), Savannah River (SRNL), other host?)
Discussion: There was agreement for holding a Fall '09 meeting in Oak Ridge either in September or October 2009. [Note: The DOE Explosive Safety meeting is the week of October 20th. Gerald Meyers asked that this Explosive Safety meeting not conflict with the Pressure Safety Meeting.] ORNL agreed to host the meeting and will begin the logistics for the meeting.
2. Development of Criteria Review and Approach Document (CRAD) for 10 CFR 851 Appendix A.4 (Pressure Safety) [for an example of a CRAD see: http://www.hss.energy.gov/CSA/CSP/ga/QA_CRAD.html]
3. 10 CFR 851 Appendix A.4 Implementation Guide
Discussion: Items 2 & 3 were discussed together. There was a general consensus to pursue development of these items with development of the Implementation Guide taking precedence over the CRAD development. The general feeling was that guidance from an Implementation Guide would better serve the contractor community to get their Pressure Safety Programs established to an accepted standard. Development of the CRAD would then be a natural next step.

A suggestion was made to form three small teams to develop drafts to follow the three primary sections of 10 CFR 851 Appendix 4. Tom Etheridge took an action to organize the teams. The team would develop the draft sections and present them at the Fall meeting. The meeting would be at least two days with the first day being presentations/discussions and the 2nd day being a working day to finalize the draft Implementation Guide.

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4. Current ASME B&PV Code version implementations by sites.
Discussion: Each site has a different approach depending upon the local DOE oversight concerning the code version issue. Tyler French shared the SRS approach through their Code Standard Evaluation process. He will share that evaluation with the group. This topic will be further discussed at the Fall meeting.
5. New pressure safety topics needing team discussion (suggest you send me any you have so I can post prior to the call if possible)
 - a. Operational aspects of pressure systems, including:
 - i. Operator training and supervision
 - ii. Maintenance personnel training and supervision
 - iii. Adequate funding for maintenance and repair. (Bourque)
 - b. Repair of legacy systems
Discussion: Other topics for the Fall meeting should include:
 - Stored energy threshold (PNNL)
 - Vacuum vessels under Section 8
 - Vacuum vessel code case involving update on relief devices
 - 851 pneumatic systems – how to implement?
 - SNS cryogenic systems calculations
 - SRS “de minimis non curat lex” process

Gerald Meyers thanked all the contractor participants for their participation and sharing their expertise in managing Pressure Safety in the DOE Complex.

The conference call ended at 11:58 a.m. EDT.