

**Fire Protection EFCOG Subgroup
Teleconference Minutes
12/7/2005**

A telephone conference call was conducted on 12/7/2005 from 1300 until approximately 1400 hours Eastern Time with Fire Protection personnel from Department of Energy (DOE) sites across the country. A list of the personnel who participated is shown in Attachment 1. The call was informative and involved good discussion on a number of topics. The purpose of the call was to close out CY05 and determine what initiatives will be addressed in CY06.

Following is a recap of the agenda items covered:

I. Establish Telephone Protocol

Everyone was announced as they entered the conference call. Rich Lewis reviewed the list of participants prior to starting the conference.

II. Review Agenda and Modify as Appropriate

The agenda was reviewed and conference participants were asked if any changes should be made. An item was added to have Bruce Campbell give a short overview of the drum fire at Idaho. The agenda included the following items:

- Introduction of the New Chairperson for the Fire Protection Subgroup
- Wrap-up of Initiatives and Discussion of CY05 Issues
 - NFPA Technical Committee Members List
 - Comments on 10 CFR 851
 - Comments on DOE Order 420.1B
- Identification of New Initiatives for CY06
- Schedule for Meetings/Telephone Conference Calls in 2006
- Recap of Drum Fire at Idaho

III. Introduction of New Chairperson

Eric Gosswiller was introduced as the new Chairperson for the Fire Protection Subgroup. Eric will assume the duties of the Chairperson effective immediately. Rich Lewis informed the group that he is moving to another assignment outside of Fire Protection and will no longer be involved in the Fire Protection Subgroup activities.

Wrap-up of Initiatives and Discussions from CY05

NFPA Technical Committee Members List

Rich Lewis gave a recap of the efforts to develop and maintain a list of NFPA Technical Committee members within the DOE Complex. The list is available on the Fire Protection Subgroup website. He encouraged everyone to help maintain the list current by providing changes to Eric and to encourage greater dialogue between the Committee members and fire protection professionals around the complex. Eric mentioned that he could act as a conduit for information if anyone had a problem with distribution.

Comments on 10 CFR 851

A discussion was conducted on the latest status of 10 CFR 851. According to an email sent by Dennis Kubicki, the CFR was revised to take out most of the fire protection requirements as shown in the initial drafts. It is unclear exactly when the CFR will be issued, but it appears as though the impact will be considerably less than originally thought.

Comments on DOE Order 420.1B

Discussed the current status of DOE Order 420.1B. It is not known when the revision will be issued. Based on a review of the latest draft, the changes are for the most part editorial. About half of the comments provided to DOE-HQ by the Fire Protection Subgroup were incorporated in the latest draft.

A follow-on discussion was held regarding the confusion caused by not having a standard fire code requirement for DOE Sites. This results in most sites having to consider both NFPA and the local fire codes. A suggestion was made that a clarification of this issue could be included in the Implementation Guide to 420.1.

Identification of New Initiatives for CY06

The following initiatives were identified for consideration by the Fire Protection Subgroup in CY06:

Discuss with DOE-HQ the idea of incorporating language in the Implementation Guide for 420.1 to clarify what fire code should be used at DOE sites.

Provide input to DOE-HQ on a revision to the 420.1 Implementation Guide.

Follow-up on NFPA Committee members interface.

Work out details on what the Resource Library might contain (i.e. list of experts, definitions, list of Equivalencies/Exemptions, etc)

Develop a list of Equivalencies/Exemptions that might be of help to other sites considering similar Equivalencies/Exemptions.

Schedule for Meetings/Telephone Conference Calls in 2006

Eric Gosswiller talked briefly about continuing quarterly conference calls and perhaps a meeting of the Subgroup during the Fire Safety Workshop in Augusta. Eric will send out information on the next call which will be in February in the near future.

Recap of Drum Fire at Idaho

Bruce Campbell provided a brief overview of the TRU Drum fire at Idaho. The investigation is in the preliminary phases, but Bruce was able to answer some of the questions about what happened and what will be done as the investigation continues.

Around the Table

Everyone was asked if they had anything else to discuss. Eric Gosswiller talked about a Chemical Inventory program that was being implemented at Idaho. He said he would provide additional information as appropriate in the future. He also mentioned that there is a requirement that every site have a wild land fire management plan by 12/31/05.

It was also mentioned that we may want to invite Bill Boyce (DOE-HQ) to join a future conference call to fill us in on the DOE initiative to do some fire testing of glove boxes.

IV. Close

The call was closed after a final request for questions or comments.

Attachment 1
Telephone Conference Participants

Name	Location
Eric Gosswiller	Idaho
Rick Hartzell	Sandia
Doug Clark	Idaho
Jim Naylor	Savannah River Site
Bruce Campbell	Hughes Associates
Rich Lewis	Savannah River Site
Brian Jansen	Kansas City Plant
Rick Huckfeldt	CH2 Hanford
Rex Jordan	Hanford