

EFCOG Tasks (Summary – October 2008)

EN/01/08 'Plan / Organize a workshop around EO 13423 requirements'

Lead: By Committee

Work with sites and DOE elements to plan and organize a workshop in CY08 that will focus on the implementation of EO13423 requirements as reflected in the changed DOE orders. The expectation is to develop breakout sessions on common interest items of environmental management, energy management, and fleet management.

Status: Completed – Workshop held in conjunction with the Federal Environmental Symposium, Big Sky, Montana (June 08).

EN/02/08 'Site Survey – EO13423 Implementation'

Lead: Wayne McMahon (ORNL, Y12)

Perform a sites survey to find out how sites are implementing or planning to implement necessary changes to execute the changes required from EO13423. Results of survey should be reported at the spring 2008 semi-annual meeting.

Status: Completed – Survey complete and reported at Spring 08 meeting in Big Sky, Montana (June 08). Consider posting results on Website (under EMS Guidebook)

EN/03/08 'Site Survey – Environmental aspects of nanowork'

Lead: John Selva (BNL)

Perform a sites survey to find out how sites are managing environmental aspects of their nanowork. Results of survey should be reported at the fall 2008 semi-annual meeting. This may also be a cross subgroup networking opportunity for a future WG meeting.

Status: Open – Ross Fanning will follow up with John Selva.

EN/04/08 'EFCOG recommendation to DOE regarding ISO 14001 Certification'

Lead: Gary Shamber (SNL/CA) and Steve Birrer (INL/CWI)

Influence DOE through appropriate EFCOG channels and protocol to incorporate language in DOE orders/guidance that will delineate tangible benefits to those sites that obtain ISO 14001 certification of their EMS's. Environmental Management Systems (EMS) registered to ISO14001 are effective and sufficient to comply with the requirements of DOE O450.1. In an effort to promote sound environmental management practices and cost efficiencies EFCOG recommends that DOE adopt a policy to provide tangible recognition to contractor sites that achieve ISO14001 registration. This should include recognition of the ISO14001 registration auditing and surveillance process as a suitable substitute for formal DOE audits of site's EMSs.

Status: Open – Ross Fanning will revisit with Tony Umek (ES&H Working Group Chair).

EN/11/07 'EMS Audit Sharing Program'

Lead: Gary Shamber (SNL/CA)

Establish a list of internal EMS assessment resources for use in reciprocal assessments within the EFCOG community. The list will be included in the EMS Resource Guidebook. It should a list of those willing to perform reciprocal assessments as well as a list of contract resources that others have had success using.

Status: Open – John Irving will work with Gary Shamber to complete during 2009.

EN/02/07 'ISO 14001 certification process – lessons learned'

Lead: David Folse (SPR)

Conduct a member sites survey to capture lessons learned on EMS ISO certification process and follow on surveillance audits. (What issues arose, how were they resolved, significant non-conformances of particular interest, what on-going issues do you have, etc.) Prepare presentation and present at next Fall Semi-Annual EFCOG meeting. Assemble survey results and submit for incorporation into EMS Guidebook.

Status: Open – Decided to resend the survey subgroup to update and get new responses and report back at spring 09 meeting.

EN/22/04 'Prepare and submit two best practices per year'

Lead: John Irving

The basic objective of the Environmental Feedback Task Team is to publish at least two best practices on the EFCOG web page per year.

Status: Ongoing activity – Will meet goal in 2008 with submittal of following best practices. New challenge to subgroup members: Submit one best practice during 2009.