

Environmental SG Monthly Teleconference

January 12, 2012

Participants:

Bob Roulston, B&W Pantex
Steve Woodbury, HS-22
Dennis Hjeresen, LANL

Catherine McKalip-Thompson, Bechtel
Eric Damberg, PNNL
John Irving, INL

Minutes:

SG meeting in D.C. in March

- Very low projected participation by the SG.
- Steve spoke with Dan Marsick about having webinar participation, similar to how the SAN and CAWG conference calls have been going on. They could support that, in some manner. DH thought a session or two on Best Practices, getting some of the Infrastructure cross-training event. Catherine thought that by not having a face to face several day meeting in March, it would open the possibility of several webinars, including one with Energy & Infrastructure SG people or the next face to face could be in conjunction with them at a different time.
- We are still looking for some Best Practices offers. John Irving will send something out soon, and note possibility of webinars. Additional discussion forums might be integration of EMS & Sustainability efforts.
- Catherine expressed interest in having the toxics reduction guide being developed by the CSLM and scheduled for the March meeting as a webinar for the ENVSG. Steve said he would talk with Jane Powers/ Denny will talk with Dina Siegel.
- Consensus – Denny will advise CSLM team that we won't need a meeting room. He will see if they can support a webinar (slide/voice), which Steve's organization could run, and how it might be accomplished.

Mergers with other SG/WG:

- Nothing new on this since well before December meeting. Some discussions apparently on DOE needs from both Sites and Program offices.

News from D.C.

- Steve very involved in the climate adaptation planning and interagency coordination/cooperation. There is a wide range in approaches by different agencies reflecting their different missions and infrastructure.
- Data reporting for EMS is nearly complete – E-STAR Award nominations are still open, which can go forward to the GREENGOV awards, through the end of January. They are reviewing to see if any follow-up, or award-worthy efforts are identified in the information that they have received.
- GHG data is collected and is now being worked by the SPO office for analysis and reporting.
- EMS/ISO 15001 (Energy Planning) – coordination? Steve has not been involved in this area (primarily worked within the FEMP) but will research..

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Environmental Liabilities Reporting

- Kathy Carney's presentation at last meeting served to bring this issue to the attention of several sites. It is a federal reporting requirement which has become very costly to perform, and liabilities are being reviewed which have raised concerns within the contractor community.
- LANL has been developing a white paper on the (environmental & financial) and circulated to ORNL/Y-12. Liabilities reporting in the AFPCs and FIMS systems. They are looking at the effort involved in providing nearly duplicative reports for 2 in two different reporting systems. The level of auditing scrutiny vastly exceeds what should be required for what is simply a which end up as foot-notes in financial plans reports for the Department.
- This group is looking at alternative methods for sites to provide this reporting without the extensive costs in developing these reports.

Next Call – February 9, 2012: same time/numbers