

Environmental Subgroup Monthly Conference Call

Date: February 14, 2008

Time: Noon, Pacific coast time (3 PM East coast)
803-725-1403, code 4576757

Participants:

Bob Roulston, B&W Pantex
Ross Fanning, WSRC
Gary Shamber, SNL/CA
Gretchen Farnung, PNNL
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Steve Birrer, ICP
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Wayne McMahon, B&W Y-12
Roger Landon, WCH

John Irving, INL
Erin Murphy, SNL/NM
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Mike McCoy, WCH
Judy McLemore, WIPP
Mike Huff, SPR
Orin Haworth, NTS
Kristine Nelson, WIPP
Josh Silverman, HS-22

Apologies to those who attended but not included in the above list of attendees.

1) Developing a Greenhouse Gas Management Strategy Workshop – Josh Silverman, HS-22

- This was basically a strategy meeting held at EPA. Much of the discussion will be continued at the Federal Environmental Symposium this summer.
- Ed Pinera kicked off the workshop and talked about EO13423. He stated that although there are not specific greenhouse gas targets expressed in the EO, many of the other environmental targets that are included, when achieved, will in fact reduce greenhouse gases as a result.

2) HQ happenings: Stephen Woodbury

- Comment period for DOE O450 has been extended to the end of Feb. Expect release in March.
- Steve reports that the narrative portions of the Annual DOE EMS Report to EPA includes useful information including possible areas where DOE should be working on future guidance.
- DOE has submitted the Closing the Circle Award nominations; Steve is serving to review applications for non-DOE groups – finding a number of very interesting programs & processes.
- Environmental Symposium – there are a number of abstracts coming in – let Steve know if you plan to submit and it can be considered on a space available. The West conference is seeing more abstract proposals that for the East. West registration site should be opening up first week of March. Contract for conference management for the west site logistics has still not been signed by the Navy, which is also impacting the planning for EFCOG's meeting. Karolyn Golovin of Battelle is working closely on monitoring for the EFCOG conference. It is still uncertain whether all registration will be through the FEDCENTER site, or some split.
- See Gretchen comments on the workshop in Big Sky.
- Plan to send out inquiries to various DOE/working group mailing lists a brief inquiry as to people planning to attend the workshop – Gary indicated he will forward the inquiry to the Environmental Subgroup.

- GOV-ENERGY: annual government energy conference – this year August 3-6, in Phoenix, AZ. This involves the energy management staff (over 2000 attendees), and they are very interested in how they could have some presentations on incorporation of EMS into these functions. Steve will be meeting with the DOE coordinator for this to see about coordination and connection: this will be a new ‘track’ for that conference. (website: www.govenergy.gov)
 - Question on updating of DOE O 5400.5. Steve said the process is starting, and he can see about obtaining someone to speak on this at the next call (March 13).
- 4) General Discussion (all)
- a. Membership update: Please check the membership list on the EFCOG webpage and send Bob Roulston any changes that need to be made. With the changes in contractors, the information may be out of date for some of us.
 - b. Gretchen Farnung: on the EFCOG portion of the Environmental Symposium workshop. We are looking to get people who have hands on experience with fleet management, energy management to get beneficial dialogues going. We still have opportunities available for speakers on a panel or individual basis. We are contacting/soliciting participation for these people from various sites. We are looking for low-intensity of Powerpoint presentations at this time.
 - c. Gary: Sent out a survey this a.m. – urging people to provide feedback, as this is very much in line with the current discussions regarding EMS integration efforts. Steve Birrer/Norbert noted that many answers that sites might provide can only be ‘projections’ at this time as their contracts are still pending on how they are to proceed.
 - d. Steve noted the EFCOG executive meeting coming up; which he has been asked to provide some support, suggestion.
 - e. Gary: The ESH WG leadership team will be meeting during the chemical Safety meeting. One issue that appears to be getting increased attention is nanotechnology: there are IH, Occupational Medicine and Environ. concerns. Steve indicated he is aware of some web-based information and sites for this. Follow-up message to Gary from Steve was:

Here are the references I mentioned on the call:

(1) DOE Policy 456.1 Secretarial Policy Statement on Nanoscale Safety
<http://www.directives.doe.gov/pdfs/doe/doetext/neword/456/p4561.pdf>

(2) Nano Risk Framework www.nanoriskframework.com (DuPont and Environmental Defense [not NRDC])

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