

EFCOG ISM Working Group
Environmental Subgroup
Monthly Teleconference
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Safety Topic: Steve Woodbury reported that some scanning equipment are inter-changing the numbers “6” and “9.” For additional information see Lessons Learned document number RCCC 060014.

1. Gary Shamber discussed the spring semi-annual meeting with regards to a warning received about the crime situation in New Orleans. No participant felt that this was a serious enough concern to cancel our plan to hold the May meeting there in concert with the National Environmental Partnership Summit. John Irving called Dave Fosse during the conference and confirmed that it was a manageable situation. Consensus decision to continue with the plans to hold meeting in New Orleans.

ACTION: Gary will report to Joe that our sub-group plans to hold our meeting in New Orleans. (Joe previously approved).

2. Gary discussed subgroup metrics and expressed concern with the declining participation at the semi-annual meetings since a high in Spring 04. Some felt this was due to declining budgets and travel restrictions. John Irving felt that aligning our meeting with another conference/workshop whenever possible helped with attendance (easier to get management approval to attend).

ACTION: Gary will communicate our concern to Joe and see whether other working groups are experiencing the same decline. It was suggested that we get Joe to send a communiqué to other member sites who are not participating.

3. Gary reviewed FY07 Task Sheets and updated accordingly. Some discussion of one of the tasks to develop a list of member resources that can be used for reciprocal EMS assessments. John indicated that Battelle already does this and it has proven to be very beneficial.

Another task is to understand where the member sites are with respect to certifications, etc. Gary has taken ownership of this and will prepare a survey.

ACTION: Steve Woodbury indicated that he has some data on ISO certification and will send this to Gary.

4. Orin Haworth kicked off a discussion on the first DOE EMS Report due this month. Concern expressed that some of the questions of the report are difficult to answer for sites with long standing mature EMS programs and that the scoring may be misinterpreted as a result. Steve Woodbury appreciated the feedback and indicated that he will be soliciting formal feedback on the process and report in January.
5. Steve gave an update on the status of the new executive order. Although there is a push to have this out this month there are competing issues that may cause a delay. Steve indicated that (assuming the content does not drastically change) the executive order will result in changes to the EMS 450.1 order as well as other DOE orders. Steve indicated that DOE will be prepared to issue some communications to the field as soon as the executive order is issued.