

EFCOG ESH Working Group  
Environmental Subgroup  
Meeting Minutes & Workshop Highlights  
June 18 & 20, 2008

Highlights from the June 18 Semi-Annual Meeting & June 20 Workshop

1. Welcome: Gary Shamber

- Gary announced that he would be stepping down as Chair of the sub group. Ross Fanning will be assuming this position.
- New Vice-Chair is needed. (Discussion for July conf. call?)
- Next semi annual meeting will be held in Las Vegas the week of Oct 6. Do not know the exact days.

2. Highlights

- New O 450.1A is out. Sites will have to submit conformance declaration by June 30, 2009.
- Special meeting held with Andy Lawrence, Jeff Egan and Josh Silverman to discuss the guides that will accompany the new order. At this point they have identified two guides – one devoted to the mechanics of meeting the order requirements and the definition of many of the terms used, the other devoted to strategies and practices that can be employed to meet the order performance requirements. Further discussion will be taking place. I believe there is an opportunity to get involved in the development of these guides by EFCOG.
- Several members of the subgroup made presentations on proposed best practices. These need to be formally submitted for further consideration and determination on which ones will be promoted. Gary has sent Ross the formal proposals on all but John Irvings – John will complete and submit.
- The subgroup reviewed the existing actions:
  - EN/2008/01 “ EMS Audit Sharing Program” – no change
  - EN/2008/02 “Plan a workshop around EO13423 requirements – Completed
  - EN/2008/03 “ISO 14001 Certification Process – Lessons Learned” – status unknown, will check with Dave Folse
  - EN/2008/04 “Site Survey – EO13423 Implementation” – Wayne McMahon presented results – Action completed
  - EN/2008/05 “Site Survey – Environmental Aspects of Nanowork” – On hold

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- EN/2008/06 “EFCOG recommendation to DOE regarding ISO 14001 certification benefit” – open, Tony Umek has action. Gary will follow-up on status.
- EN/2008/07 “Best Practices” – 5 BPs reviewed. 4 will be formally submitted to Ross for the BP committee action.
- Gretchen said a few words concerning the new PAS99, a combined certification program. Check out this site for additional information: <http://www.bsi-global.com/en/Assessment-and-certification-services/management-systems/Standards-and-Schemes/PAS-99/>
- Possible SG task team to look at, and make a suggestion to DOE on how to implement a consistent carbon footprint analysis. Sandia has made considerable strides with this and their approach should be a starting point.
- Recommendation that SG research and publish available training that is available to give EMS managers a comprehensive background in energy management and fleet management.
- There was some discussion on effective rewards programs that have worked to promote/enhance EMS and environmental programs at sites.