

**EFCOG Electrical Safety Subgroup  
Teleconference Meeting Minutes  
September 10, 2008  
Submitted by Jackie McAlhaney**

**Attendees**

James Durnan  
Jeff Jensen  
Jim Follansbee  
Mike Hicks  
Joe Kilar  
Max Wright  
Bill Lowry

Keith Schuh  
Jackie McAlhaney  
Keith Gershon  
Pat Zona  
Heath Garrison  
John Lacenere

Sal Sferrazza  
Mark McNellis  
Gary Dreifuerst  
John Pearson  
Barry Osborne  
Pat Tran

**Introduction**

Mark McNellis chaired the meeting and welcomed everyone to the September conference call. Mark reminded everyone to announce they are on the call in order to be included in the minutes and to forward an email to Jackie McAlhaney.

**Recent Electrical Safety Events**

Mark led a discussion of recent electrical safety events. Mike Hicks mentioned an electrical shock event at Idaho that scored 480 using the severity tool. The shock resulted from an inadequate lockout for an electric oven.

Mark discussed an event at Sandia where an energized cable in the bottom of a modular wall panel was cut while removing a section of the panel. Mark solicited input on whether the event should be categorized as a L/T event.

**EFCOG ESH FALL MEETING IN LAS VEGAS**

Mark reminded everyone that the fall subgroup meeting will be in Las Vegas at the DOE field office on October 7-9. Mark indicated that Lloyd had posted an agenda for the meeting and most of the meeting will be devoted to the DOE Electrical Safety Handbook revision. Rooms have been blocked at two locations convenient to the DOE office and this information has been posted to the website.

Jackie McAlhaney mentioned that another task for this meeting will be to complete the end-of-year report to submit to EFCOG.

Pat Tran reminded the group that much work is still needed in order to submit the Handbook for REVCOM process.

Jackie also mentioned that nominations were being solicited for officers for 2009 and anyone wishing to submit a nomination for the Vice Chairman or Officer-at-Large position should send an email to him or Lloyd. He also reminded that anyone nominated to an officer's position should have the support of their management. Officer selection will be completed at the fall meeting.

### **General Discussion**

Mike Hicks discussed a proposal for developing a goal for the severity index. Mike said he will provide a presentation at the Fall meeting to provide some guidance. He said the goal should be based on an agreed upon severity rating for each site. The Idaho goal will be based upon a maximum of one dry hand shock event (severity score of 330) per month. Mark indicated that the Idaho goal may be too high for some sites. After some discussion, the team agreed to further discuss a consistent approach at the Fall meeting. Mike reminded the group that they should include the severity score in the Facility Managers comments section of the ORPS report when the reports are issued.

The meeting was adjourned at 1145 Eastern Time. The next teleconference is scheduled for Wednesday November 12, 2008.