

EFCOG ELECTRICAL SAFETY MEETING MINUTES

1/10/2007

Attendees

Lloyd Gordon
Bobby Gray
Keith Schuh
Jackie McAlhaney
Chip Barnhart

Pat Tran
Dan Guzy
Brad Davey
Larry Perkins
Dave Mills

Welcome

Bobby asked if we could eliminate roll call in future? This could get too complicated as the group grows
Mark asked that all attendees send email verifying attendance and he will reflect this in meeting minutes

Agenda Item one- Severity Index Tool

Bobby stated that Mark suggested the new tool may rate dry, one-handed shocks, by non-electrical workers too high.

Lloyd agreed but explains that the tool is not perfect but is a start

Mark suggested that we first decide on whether this type of shock should be reportable or not

Chip stated that he thought it would depend on conditions

Jackie suggested that the tool will score according to environment and resultant injury if any.

Brad stated that a craftsmen shocked by damaged cords should be considered a reportable occurrence

Lloyd agreed

Lloyd explained that a craftsman inadvertently cutting into a conduit while wearing gloves may not be considered a reportable occurrence

Mark questioned why a worker getting shocked while unplugging an appliance should be scored higher than a craftsman inadvertently cutting a conduit while wearing appropriate PPE

Bobby asked that we refer this issue to sub-team leads (Lloyd and Steve Thorn)

ACTION ITEM- Bobby will refer this matter to sub-team leads.

Agenda Item two- General Electrical Safety Training for Complex

Bobby asked that DOE push sites to require annual general electrical safety training developed by EFCOG group
Jackie explained that they currently do something similar at SRS. The training consists of an hour presentation then a workspace evaluation by all employees.

Bobby suggested that the modules developed by the sub-team would address this need.

Brad stated that he has not seen the training material yet

Bobby recommended to Brad that DOE put out a letter requiring all contractors and possibly federal employees take the course.

Brad asked if there was anything in 10CFR 851 that could drive this issue

Lloyd said no

Bobby stated that this could be possibly be driven by the general duty clause- there is a hazard

Jackie suggested that DOE endorse this as a best practice rather than a requirement.

Bobby asked that the training sub-team write a ghost letter to DOE (Frank Russo, Dan Guzy, Pat Tran, and Brad Davey) suggesting that all workers review the ES training modules on the EFCOG web page.

Dave suggested that the letter include a training frequency as well.

Jackie and Bobby suggested that this recommendation be issued to correspond with National Electrical Safety Month (May)

ACTION ITEM- Jackie will write a proposal recommending this training as best practice to Frank, Pat, Dan, and Brad

Agenda Item Three- Summer ES Conference

Mark stated that dates had been set and that locations currently being looked at are Las Vegas, Santa Fe, and Albuquerque.

Mark stated that he will send out an initial teaser email announcing the conference and direct those interested to the web site maintained by Lloyd.

Mark stated that Jackie had developed a great 3.5 day agenda

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All agreed that four days would be better and work for most attendees

Jackie stated that he will re-write the agenda for a 4-day format

Larry asked for information on the agenda

Mark stated that he will send information to Larry

Bobby asked if DOE financial assistance was available

Pat stated that in the past fees were paid by attendees

Larry stated that the \$150 fee typically did not cover all associated costs

Brad stated that he will ask Frank if possible funding is available but would like to see a one-page summary

Keith asked if the committee will consider web-casting the conference.

Mark expressed concern with this in fear that it could reduce attendance

ACTION ITEMS- Jackie will modify agenda

Mark will send one-page summary to Brad Davey

Agenda Item Four- Sub-Teams

Bobby asked that sub-teams have objectives defined and plan forward by March 1, 2007

Agenda Item Five- GE Spectra Series recall

Bobby asked for comments or opinions on the issue

Bobby stated that he will get in touch with someone from Brookhaven and to obtain more clear direction

Bobby stated that there has not yet been an official notification from GE and that maybe we should not take any action until an official notification is released.

ACTION ITEM- Bobby will contact electrical safety personnel at Brookhaven to obtain more clear direction.

Agenda Item Six- Spring EFCOG Meeting

Bobby requested that the task group meet one day mid-week face to face in lieu of the monthly teleconference.

No objections were presented from group.

Bobby stated that he will send email to Joe Yanek requesting that he reserve a room for 25-30 people

Bobby will look into teleconference availability for meeting.

Closing

Larry asked if Lloyd for current status of training modules

Lloyd was not present at that time

Bobby stated that he and Mark would ask Lloyd for a status report on the modules

ACTION ITEM- Bobby and Mark will request a status report on training modules from Lloyd.