

UNREVIEWED SAFETY QUESTION SUBGROUP

Mission: Promote excellence in Department of Energy (DOE) contractors' Unreviewed Safety Question (USQ) Programs

Activities: Promote, coordinate, and facilitate the active exchange of successful USQ best practices, procedures, lessons learned, and other pertinent information of common interest through the following:

- USQ Subgroup meetings and panel discussions at Annual Safety Analysis Working Group Workshops
- Annual SB Workshops in Albuquerque, NM
- Monthly teleconferences
- Energy Facility Contractors Group (EFCOG) Internet Discussion Forum
- Position papers

Accomplishments: Used interest group to:

- Share USQ best management practices and lessons learned
- Conduct panel discussion of Potential Inadequate Safety Analysis (PISA) at 2007 Safety Basis Workshop
- Conduct surveys of USQ procedures, statistics, and approaches across the DOE complex

Current Topics: Near-term activities will focus on issues related to the following:

- Applicability of the USQ Process
- USQ Process entry conditions
- USQ Categorical Exclusions
- USQ Screens and Determinations
- Initiation of Safety Basis Amendments
- Contractor USQ review / self-assessment processes
- USQ Process interface with safety basis and institutional procedures
- PISA, Evaluation of the Safety of the Situation, and Justification for Continued Operation
- USQ training and USQ training requirements and processes
- Lessons learned for site-specific USQ procedure development and implementation

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