

**Safety Analysis Working Group (SAWG)
Steering Committee (SC) Teleconference Minutes
November 18, 2009**

Participants:

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Mark Blackburn, HS-21
Jerry Bueck, NSTech-NTS
Dick Englehart, consultant
John Farquharson, ABS
Mark Frei, WG Coordinator

Michael Lehto, INL
Rob McKeehan, ORNL
Belinda Niemi, WTP
Al Ramble, CHPRC
David Renfro, ORNL
Bonnie Shapiro, SRS
Bruce Wilson, Y-12

Minutes

1. Teleconference was led by Rob McKeehan, vice-chair
2. Rob introduced Mark Frei, our SAWG Working Group Coordinator. Mark will be sitting in, or calling in, on the working group meetings and telecons as his time permits. Mark noted the upcoming EFCOG Semi-annual Meeting in D.C. for this Dec. 8-10. Rob will be attending this meeting in Brad Evans stead.
3. October 2009 SAWG Meeting Minutes
 - a. The draft minutes of the SAWG SC meeting of October 22 in Albuquerque had been distributed earlier. One correction was made, and otherwise the minutes were approved.
4. Safety Basis Workshop Wrap-up
 - a. Rob noted that the Workshop notes, presentations, and attendees were close to being posted on the SAWG homepage.
 - b. Actions for USQ and Criticality Safety Subgroups
 - i. Mark Blackburn reported that HSS had recently met with DNFSB staff on USQ G 424.1-1B for comment resolution. The Guide should be shown in RevCom for concurrence quite soon, and likely issued in early 2010. The version going into RevCom will be very similar to that reviewed at the SB Workshop.
 - ii. Kevin Carroll, in his absence on the telecon, had emailed to the SC the day prior a status report for the Criticality Subgroup. A subset team from the subgroup is expected to meet in mid-January to do a first draft of addressing current issues. Kevin's email mentioned a possible change to the 830 rule to remove the specified revision number for STD-1027 in the rule. Dick Englehart noted that the rule must specify requirements and therefore must be specific, i.e. not subject to revision by changes in a standard.

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- c. The 2010 Safety Basis Workshop is scheduled for Nov. 2 and 3 at the same location in Albuquerque.
5. SC Proposed Activities (refer to October SC minutes)
- a. Consideration of changes to the 830 Rule – Mark Blackburn said it was too early to know if DOE might be willing or want to pursue opening the 830 Rule to revision.
 - b. Update of TSR Guide – Bruce Wilson said some at Y-12 were working on some desired updating items but nothing radical is being considered. Their ideas will be forwarded to the SB Subgroup and SC.
 - c. Safety-significant classification issues – this is mainly seen as potential for STD-3009 revision and to have the other safe harbors and guides point to 3009.
6. Safety Analysis Workshop – David Renfro
- a. David and Bruce Wilson stressed the need for the SC to do their job to ensure a quality and quantity of abstract submittals from their sites (deadline for submittals with public release is January 14). Workshop registration will be available fairly soon. John Farquharson reviewed planned training classes. John questioned the SC concerning providing a RSAC 7 class; the consensus was not to do so. Rob described the use of site posters for the Monday night reception. David said draft plans were to have a reduced registration fee for first-time attendees and free for students. Mike Lehto said this reduced fee for new folks would be important for his site. Discussed Monday arrangement of subgroup meetings and tour. Conclusion was to keep subgroup meetings for the Monday morning and the tour for the afternoon. Subgroup schedule will be arranged such that SB subgroup does not coincide with the other subgroup meetings which will coincide with each other.
7. Subgroup Reports:
- a. Criticality Safety – refer to the Nov. 17 email of Kevin Carroll
 - b. Safety Basis – Bonnie Shapiro noted nominations for SB Subgroup vice-chair need to be in by next week.
8. Other – Belinda Niemi noted that she had recently posted questions that she would like the members' feedback on.
9. Next SC telecon – December 16, 2009.