

Energy Facility Contractors Group (EFCOG)

Waste Management Working Group

National Laboratory Subgroup Charter

Purpose:

The EFCOG Waste Management Working Group (WMWG) is chartered¹ to leverage the expertise and experience of Contractors to the US Department of Energy (DOE) in the area of waste management. The WMWG deals with a broad set of waste management issues from across the entire DOE complex. In recognition that National Laboratories often face different waste management challenges than non-laboratory sites (largely due to the highly-diverse but typically small-quantity nature of research-generated waste streams), the WMWG established a National Laboratory Subgroup consisting of WMWG members from the National Laboratories. The purpose of the National Laboratory Subgroup is to seek out and promote the best management and operating practices from the National Laboratories related to the management of research-generated waste, identify cost-effective technologies and disposal options for problematic waste streams common among different labs, and integrate/share lessons learned to promote communication among the National Labs on waste management successes and challenges.

Objectives:

- Identify top waste management challenges from National Laboratories across the complex that are causing safety, compliance, or cost concerns ("top ten" list). Evaluate common issues in effort to increase collaboration and promote problem solving efforts.
- Identify those top waste management successes (best management and/or operating practices) for sharing among the National Laboratory Subgroup.
- Identify areas at National Laboratories that still rely on DOE Environmental Management (EM) owned & operated waste systems to disposition research-generated waste, in an effort to understand inter-departmental responsibilities and promote sharing of lessons learned across the Complex where this reliance has been reduced.
- Promote communication among Contractors at National Laboratories in the area of waste management

¹ Reference Energy Facility Contractors Group (EFCOG) Waste Management Working Group (WMWG) Charter, dated February 4, 2010

Scope:

- The National Laboratory Subgroup will operate fully within the established scope of the EFCOG Waste Management Working Group, as defined by the Working Group Charter.

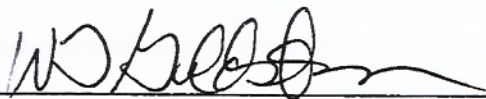
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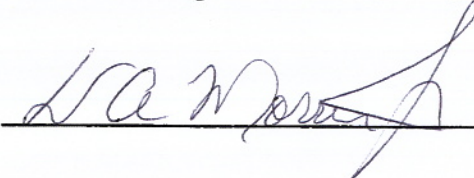
- The National Laboratory Subgroup will serve as an "ad-hoc" subgroup, consisting of those Waste Management Working Group members (or their representatives) from National Laboratories. Since the subgroup is an "ad hoc" team, there shall be no defined quorum for the subgroup to meet, nor any defined officer positions.
- The National Laboratory Subgroup shall be led by a volunteer who is a Waste Management Working Group member from a National Lab. The subgroup leader will direct overall activities of the subgroup, and will be responsible for submitting any reports on subgroup performance on behalf of the subgroup.
- National Laboratory Subgroup meetings shall be open to all Waste Management Working Group members, although the subgroup will attempt to focus attendance & participation on members from National Laboratories in order to maximize functionality of the subgroup.
- The National Laboratory Subgroup will report to the Waste Management Working Group chair.

Process:

- The National Laboratory subgroup charter is developed by the subgroup, endorsed by the WMWG, and approved by the Sponsoring Director.
- The National Laboratory subgroup will follow the process identified in the WMWG, and will operate under the direction of the WMWG Chair or Vice-chair.

Approvals:

WMWG Chair:  Date: 1/31/2011

WMWG Sponsoring Director:  Date: 2-1-2011