

Department of Energy (DOE) Fire Safety Committee

Minutes of the February 14, 2008 meeting

Written by: Jim Bisker, Chairman

Members and guests present:

Jim O'Brien	Larry D. Perkins	Perry D'Antonio	Jim Landmesser, Sr.
Bruce Campbell	Bill Froh	David Boyll	Bruce Kanirie
Neal Hara	Matt Cole	Alan Connors	Bill Shields
Douglas Freels	Justin Zamirowski	Ric Roses	Gerald Kelliher
Craig Christenson	Pat Copp	Brenda Chandler	Mike Collopy
Richard Kobelski	Dave Mertz	Taryn Couchman	Chuck March
Bill Boyce	Jim Bisker	Steve Glynn	Jim Landmesser, Jr.
Dave Young	Dick Englehart		

Members not present:

Joe Desormeau	Walter Futrell	Jim Streit	Rodney Barnes
Dale West	John Sharry	Larry Perkins	Gary Staffo
Brian Fiscus	Gordon Veerman	Jim Brown	Cathy Karney
Gary Piermattei	Billy Brown	John Ford	J. Brad Wallace
Carol P. Rice	James Priest	Gerald Grazen	Jennifer Rehbein
Terry Dembrowski	Bob Bitter	Peter Feng	

Items discussed are listed as follows:

**Fire Safety Committee Charter/Membership**

A new (draft) charter has been uploaded to the Fire protection web site and can be reviewed through the following url:

<http://www.hss.energy.gov/nuclearsafety/nsea/fire/fsc.html>

Please e-mail the chairman any proposed word changes that you would like to see to this document and we will discuss any major revisions in future committee meetings. Eventually (by the end of 2008), we will make the charter a formal document by having it approved by the DOE Technical Standards Manager. Additionally, a committee membership list has been uploaded and can be viewed at the following url:

[http://www.hss.energy.gov/NuclearSafety/NSEA/fire/Fire\\_Safety\\_Committee\\_membership.pdf](http://www.hss.energy.gov/NuclearSafety/NSEA/fire/Fire_Safety_Committee_membership.pdf)

Concerning committee membership, Steve Glynn of the SPR has been added to the committee list as a Contractor Representative.

## **Fire Safety Workshop**

A brief was given on the CY-2008 Fire Safety Workshop that will take place the week of April 28 in the Washington, DC area. The chairman identified that HSS is presently in the review/sign off stage for cost support and note that approval was received on February 20. We are prepared to move quickly with the notification and registration package so please look for the notice and register for the workshop.

Also, training session topics were discussed with no firm commitment made as yet on this activity. If any member knows of a particular training session, they are asked to send in an e-mail to Jimmy Landmesser ([James.Landmesser@hq.doe.gov](mailto:James.Landmesser@hq.doe.gov)) on the specifics.

## **DNFSB Recommendation 2008-1**

Fire protection experts from The Defense Nuclear Facility Safety Board staff gave a presentation on the recently issued Recommendation 2008-1, *Safety Classification of Fire Protection Systems* (see pdf. copy is attached). Committee members were then given the opportunity to ask questions and gain more insight towards satisfying this Recommendation. Jim O'Brien from HSS stated that in all likelihood that the Recommendation will be accepted by the Secretary and that an implementation team formed to address the specifics (Perhaps this could be a prime opportunity to have this team comprised of Steering Committee Members or their representatives). In any event, an interest was expressed by the meeting participants in forming a working group of design and safety basis professionals to draft up any DOE STD 1066, language necessary to complete this task once an implementation plan has been established.

## **Other Committee Items**

Taryn Couchman forwarded from the DOE-ID Operations Manager a request for the DOE Fire Safety Committee on interpretation and guidance regarding application of the NFPA 801 Standard to DOE facilities (see pdf. copy is attached). It appears that ID is concerned that NFPA 801 does not address the radiological thresholds that are present at DOE sites and is looking for this committee to weigh in on their concern. Since two members of this Committee also sit on the NFPA 801 technical committee, there is ample technical basis to come up with position prior to the April 28, 2008 Workshop. So, a response will be made back to Ms. Sellers stating that this committee will consider the request and will respond with an answer by May 10, 2008. In the interim, please review the request and send your opinion to the chairman by March 15 where a working draft of our response will be developed for discussion.



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