

**NRC/AS Working Group on Event Reporting
TELECONFERENCE SUMMARY
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Note: Agi Seaton** was unavailable.

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Extensive discussions were held in accordance with the agenda items and schedule.

Agenda Items:

Results of Steering Committee Briefing - Kevin Ramsey discussed the 9/29/00 briefing of the National Materials Program Steering Committee. The briefing went well and the Committee commented favorably on our progress to date and plans for the future. Members are especially interested in our comparison of the Strategic Plan and NRC reporting requirements. Carl Paperiello (NRC/EDO) believes we have created chaos in the regulations and encouraged the working group to consider whether reporting deadlines are justified and whether reporting requirements are consistent between different types of licensees. The review of reporting requirements should include standard license conditions. Ed Bailey (OAS) expressed concern that only 21 Agreement State agencies responded to the questionnaire and stated that he would try to get responses from all of the Agreement States. The Steering Committee recognizes that the working group will be recommending actions (i.e., rulemaking, etc.) that other groups will have to implement if management concurs with the recommendations.

Results of OAS Meeting - Linda McLean discussed the status report she provided at the OAS meeting in Charleston, SC on 10/3/00. No significant comments were received. Ed Bailey encouraged States to respond to the questionnaire if they have not responded already. Bob Dansereau reported that no additional responses have been received.

Status of Draft Report:

1. Comparison of Strategic Plan and Reporting Requirements

Harriet Karagiannis reported that she doesn't have time to work on the Strategic Plan Table so Kevin Ramsey will try to complete it. Linda McLean reported that she hasn't made much progress on the Reporting Requirements Table, but she plans to work on it over the next two weeks with help from Harriet. New reporting requirements in proposed rules about to go final (i.e., new Part 35, etc.) will be included if practicable.

2. Licensee Guidance

Helen Watkins reported that she has made some progress but doesn't expect the discussion of guidance to be a large part of the final report. Recommendations will address ways of making guidance more accessible to licensees (i.e., establishing more visible links on web pages, etc.). The working group discussed the appearance of inconsistency if we give Agreement States more time to report events to NRC without giving licensees more time to report also.

3. Enhance NMED Reporting

Kevin Hsueh discussed his research of the requests for additional information made by the NMED contractor. The NMED contractor has to request additional information approximately 40% of the time. The biggest problems appear to be the Cause Code Field and the Corrective Actions Field. The working group discussed how we could improve reporting in these fields and how we could maintain awareness of pending information requests (i.e., discuss status of requests at periodic meetings, etc.).

4a. Improve Stakeholder Understanding

Kevin Ramsey reported that changes to the Event Review Process flow charts still need to be made. Bob Dansereau reported that he is incorporating his discussion of the importance and need for the program into a communications plan.

4b. NMSS Generic Issues Program Review

Kevin Ramsey reported that he is summarizing the description of the NMSS Generic Issues Program and incorporating recommendations. Survey results still need to be incorporated. In addition, the broader issues raised in the charter about what assessments should be done, by who, and when need to be addressed.

5. Computer System Review

Steve Sandin reported that a revised discussion of the EN System and delayed posting of reports on the Internet has been provided to Kevin Ramsey. Doug Weaver is working on a discussion of international database efforts with IAEA. Mark Sitek is still working on a discussion of the other computer systems.

Next Steps:

Provide draft text (WordPerfect files) to Kevin Ramsey by Friday, 11/3.

Assemble draft report and distribute to WG by Friday, 11/10.

WG conference call to discuss comments Thursday, 11/16, 2-4 pm.

Draft report provided to Steering Committee Wednesday, 11/22 (or 11/30 at the latest).

WG meeting in Rockville, MD on 12/13 - 12/14 (Wed/Thu).