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Spring 1987 Technical Code Coordinating Group (TCCG) Meeting

TCCG Membership

The 'Ides of April' behind us, we can get down to more serious business -like the upcoming TCCG meeting to be held in Washington D.C. Many interesting events have taken place since my last update letter (6 March). While I prefer to leave the details of these events to the actual meeting, I can tantalize you with the following morsels:

o OCRWM, in an effort to better coordinate and consult with interested State & Tribe representatives has asked that coordinating groups -such as the TCCG- hold regularly scheduled meetings to which these representatives are invited to participate. In an effort to accomodate this recent OCRWM directive, these representatives will be invited to take part in the second day of our upcoming (May 20-21) meeting. It is noted that the first day of this meeting (Wednesday, May 20) is an executive meeting that is restricted to the TCCG

o In our search to characterize an OCRWM technical code center and to subsequently identify an optimum site from the various possibilities, I had lead the TCCG membership to the understanding that the wording of DOE Order 1360.4 (and its draft amendment, 1360.4A) contained sufficient flexibility as to the site selection process. Based on this assumption, the membership was tending towards a preferential site selection. It appears, however, that -due to the probable magnitude of this project (i.e., the acceptance, maintenance, and controlled dissemination of all licensing-related OCRWM-program codes)- either DOE Order, in effect, requires OCRWM to utilize the National Energy Software Center (NESC) at Argonne as its code center. The enclosed NESC information sheet should satisfy the membership that this code center does have the capabilities to perform the functions the TCCG has identified (via Jim Creer's memo). My conversations with NESC representatives also convinces me of their enthusiasm for providing such support for OCRWM.

o A draft technical program plan for a software QA (SQA) documentation development project, to be performed jointly by PNL and BPMD, has been disseminated at HQ. All responses to date are quite favorable. A draft letter from Jim Knight to Ralph Stein has been prepared within OGR approving of the use of Systems Integration staff to manage this OCRWM project. Gene Langston, the OCRWM QAM, appears to view this SQA project and the proposed management format favorably. I look forward to having this project -which the TCCG membership shares my enthusiasm for- initiated in the near future.

o Jim Creer has had his COBRA-SFS code accepted by the RSIC.

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o John Roberts of the NRC inquired recently as to when the next TCCG meeting was and whether (in addition to John Voglewede) he and possibly one or more of his NRC associates could participate. I believe their joint participation with the State/Tribe representatives on the 21st would be an ideal forum to bring both these groups up to date on the TCCG, its interests and concerns, and its current activities.

o The OCRWM 'Coordinating Group Task Force' has, for the sake of putting together an OCRWM CG 12-month calendar, tentatively scheduled 1987 TCCG meetings for the weeks of August 17 and November 9. While these dates are not binding to the TCCG, we should attempt at our May meeting to firm up our subsequent 3 meeting dates and locations so as to make this information available for 'coordination' purposes.

o A general-interest paper 'Attachment 2' is also attached.

o Enclosed find 'Attachment 1,' which includes the minutes and handouts associated with our February/Denver meeting. Note especially the list of outstanding action items! Please reference both the minutes and action items for their correctness and determine if you have yet addressed all assigned action items.

On the following 2 pages are draft 'executive' and 'open' meeting agendas for the upcoming TCCG meeting, which will be held at the WESTON conference room, 8th floor, 955 L'Enfant Plaza, Washington, DC. The building in which these meetings are scheduled offers several advantages not available were the meeting to be held at the Forrestal Building: you need no special passes or escorts to get around; on the ground floor of this building are a plethora of excellent and diverse restaurants; and, finally, both METRO (trains) and limos to the local airports (National, Dulles) stop almost at the door of the building.

For those out-of-towners, a list of Washington-area hotels/motels, taken from the Federal 1987 listing (and giving government-worker rates) is attached as is a map of the downtown DC area showing the approximate location of the meeting.

The minutes and associated attachments from the last TCCG meeting are enclosed. With one minor exception, the list of action items is unchanged from that previously distributed.


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Technical Code Coordinating Group

Attachments

Draft 'Executive Meeting' Agenda, TCCG Meeting, May 20-21, 1987,
Washington, DC

- 08:30 a -09:30 a Review and approval of the minutes of the previous (Denver) TCCG meeting minutes and review of status of outstanding TCCG action items (Larry Clem/Hal Steinberg).
- 09:30 a -10:30 a Update on OCRWM Code Center, including a presentation of the finalized, TCCG-recommended code-center criteria (Jim Creer/Hal Steinberg). A NESR representative is being invited to describe that facility, how it could assist OCRWM, and to answer any questions the membership might have.
- 10:30 a -10:45 a Coffee Break
- 10:45 a -11:30 a Status report on the Software QA project (Hal Steinberg/Mike Shay).
- 11:30 a -12:00 a Status report on the Technical Code Compendium (Bill Roddy).
- 12:00 a -1:00 p Lunch Break
- 1:00 p -2:00 p General membership discussion of 'where do we go from here?' which would include a revisit of the ideas transmitted in the last TCCG mailing.
- 2:00 p -3:00 p Discussion and agreement of the membership on a format for the 'Open' meeting on Thursday and for subsequent open meetings. Any proposed open-meeting format will no doubt evolve with 'lessons learned'. [If Wednesday's schedule is drawn out, this discussion can be relegated to a post-open-meeting discussion to be held after the open meeting concludes on Thursday.]
- 3:00 p -3:15 p Coffee break.
- 3:15 p -4:00 p ????[Ideas from the membership will be entertained for this 'prime' time slot.]
- 4:00 p -5:00 p Discussion followed by acceptance (hopefully) of the 'TCCG charter according to Dave Langstaff' (assuming a redrafted charter available in time) (D. Langstaff). The membership may wish to revisit the agenda after the open meeting on Thursday, to discuss the format and contents of future TCCG open meetings. (Note the strategic placement of this agenda item at the close of the meeting!)
- 5:00 p (approx) Executive meeting adjourned.

Draft 'Open Meeting' Agenda, TCCG Meeting, May 20-21, 1987,
Washington, DC

- 08:00 a -08:30 a Introductions and introductory remarks.
- 08:30 a -10:00 a A review of the major ongoing and near term OCRWM technical code activities 'inspired' by TCCG recommendations to OCRWM management. Included here are summaries of the May 20 meeting agenda items (Hal Steinberg and others).
- 10:00 a -10:15 a Coffee break.
- 10:15 a -11:15 a Presentation by NRC staff of their technical code activities/programs of potential interest to the OCRWM Program (John Vogelwede, John Roberts, John Cook)
- 11:15 a -12 Noon Informal discussions between the TCCG membership and the 'public' (e.g., State, Tribal and NRC) participants. (Do note that appropriate comments from these participants will be entertained throughout this 'open' meeting.)
- 12 Noon -1:00 p Lunch Break
- 1:00 p -? TCCG Members: Please reserve time after this 'open' meeting for a TCCG 'executive' PM session if any of the State/Tribe/NRC comments made during the AM session warrant it and/or to reflect on lessons learned from this open meeting