



Emergency Management Issues (EMI)  
Special Interest Group (SIG)

## Highlights

### HAZARDS ASSESSMENT SUBCOMMITTEE TELECONFERENCE 07-05

Wednesday, October 17, 2007; 2:00 PM Eastern Daylight Savings Time

#### Participants:

Dennis Armstrong, WSMS/SRS  
Dave Freshwater, NA-41  
Gerry Gibeault, INL  
John Harris, OROO  
Jim Jamison, SAIC  
Vickie Locklear, NA-43  
Jeff Long, ORNL (Chairman)  
Pete Matonis, INL  
Carl Mazzola, Shaw Environmental  
Bill Possidente, NTS  
Brad Salmonson, INL  
Kerry Ward, INL  
Gary Winner, ANL

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#### I. Roll Call

Jeff Long conducted a roll call and acknowledged that thirteen (13) individuals from five (5) DOE/NNSA locations involved with the Hazards Assessment Subcommittee (HASubC) were present.

#### II. Administrative Matters

No administrative matters were discussed.

#### III. Action Item Update

Jeff Long led a discussion on the three open active action items (AIs).

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**AI 06-02:** During previous teleconferences, Chuck Rives discussed the crosswalk of hazards assessment interfaces with the December 2005 draft Emergency Management Guides (EMGs) product. It is intended to be a quick reference document for identifying customer expectations, where each element in the crosswalk contains a statement describing an action that needs to be performed. The July 11, 2007 revision to the EMGs made some of the information developed obsolete and in need of possible update. Jeff will e-mail each contributing individual relative to what has been done to date and provide a status. Jeff will also poll the HASubC to determine whether there is any value-added in continuing the effort. **ACTIVITY PROCEEDING.**

**AI 06-06:** During a previous teleconference, Megan Eastment discussed the Support Chemical Inventory System Evaluation hazards survey that she is performing for NA-41. She canvassed 15 sites and made site visits to BNL, SRS, SNL-NM, PNNL, and LANL. Information gathered from this effort was analyzed to establish an inventory configuration best practice for all sites and a mechanism for sharing chemical inventory information. The results were presented at the EMI SIG Meeting in May, 2007, and the final deliverable was accepted by NA-41 in September. **ACTIVITY CAN BE CLOSED OUT.**

**AI 06-09:** During a previous teleconference, Jeff Long discussed the need for revisiting the HAS Charter and received several comments from the HASubC. Final comments have been addressed and the revised Charter will be posted on the EMI SIG web page within the next few weeks. **ACTIVITY CAN BE CLOSED OUT.**

#### **IV. New Business**

Jeff Long asked if there were any new business items.

1. Jeff mentioned that at an earlier teleconference, Wayne Davis, SRS, discussed work that has been done on establishing classification guidance for EPHAs. Wayne was not available to provide an update. Jeff Long and John Harris each discussed a recent issue with an ORNL contractor which was balking at marking the EPHAs it was developing as Official Use Only (OUO). The matter was ultimately resolved.



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2. There was discussion on the recent Hanford tank farm accident investigation which included several emergency management program findings. Some of the findings also affected the Environmental Safety & Health (ES & H) program, and one involved a collocated worker distance from an accident (i.e., within 30 meters) appeared to have affected both. Dave Freshwater mentioned that the final incident investigation report was issued on September 19, 2007 and can be accessed on the HSS web page. Jeff will have Dorothy Cohen download the report and to send it out to the HASubC distribution and will include it as an agenda item for discussion during the next HASubC conference call.
3. Jeff asked the subcommittee whether they knew of any products that HASubC can develop. Carl Mazzola suggested the development of a HS-63 preparation checklist to help the emergency management organization focus its activities prior to the HS-63 evaluation. Jeff mentioned that he looks at previous findings from different sites, but conceded that each site has programmatic differences which limit the value of this exercise. John Harris mentioned that HS-63 sometimes does a full comprehensive evaluation and sometimes only looks at certain areas, and that HS-63 loosely follows DOE O 151.1B (Note: HS-63 will follow DOE O 151.1C when the one year point from its issuance has passed) and the hazards assessment and hazards survey elements in DOE G 151.1-1. In addition to the inspection plans, HS-63 evaluates Limited Scope Performance Tests. Jeff will determine whether the pursuit of such a product is merited.

#### V. Round Robin Discussion

Jeff Long led the round robin discussion segment of the teleconference:

**ORNL:** Jeff Long stated HS-63 has scheduled ORNL for a late-FY08 assessment and ORNL is beginning to prepare for this inspection. Moreover, this is the year where the lab will conduct a graded full-participation exercise. ORNL has begun vetting its hazards surveys and EPHAs.

**INL:** Gerry Gibeault mentioned that INL has completed its initial corrective action plan to address the findings from the recently completed HS-63 assessment. INL took significant hits on its hazards survey and hazards assessment program, specifically where the lab could not demonstrate assurance of change notification to the line organizations. This is receiving much management attention and will result in positive program improvements.



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**NTS:** Bill Possidente mentioned that NTS is also working on closing out HS-63 corrective actions.

#### **VI. Next HAS Conference Call**

Jeff Long stated that the next HAS conference call is scheduled for **Wednesday, December 19, 2007 at 2:00 pm Eastern Daylight Time.**

#### **VII. Adjournment**

The teleconference was adjourned at **2:32 p.m. EST.** Jeff thanked everyone for their time and contributions.

#### **VIII. HAS Action Item (AI) Status**

No new action items were opened and two action items were closed as a result of the discussions in this teleconference. There is now one open action item.

Action items are not opened for simple tasks such as transmittal of information from one party to another.

The color-coding system used in the teleconference highlights are as follows:

- Existing AIs that are not closed are colored green;
- New AIs are colored yellow; and,
- AIs to be closed are colored blue.