



Highlights

HAZARDS ASSESSMENT SUBCOMMITTEE TELECONFERENCE 08-03

Wednesday, June 18, 2008; 2:00 PM Eastern Daylight Time

Participants:

Dorothy Cohen, ORISE
Bob Cornish, OST
Wayne Davis, WSMS
Leon Duquella, DOE/ORO
Pat Frankovitch, ANL
Dave Freshwater, NA-41
Gerry Gibeault, INL (Chairman)
Jim Jamison, SAIC
April Javelikis, WSMS Mid-America
Jeff Long, ORNL
Carl Mazzola, Shaw Environmental
Shana Peterson, Y-12
Jim Powers, NA-41
Josh Price, WSMS Mid-America
Judy Ryland, ORISE
Melissa Thornton, WSMS Mid-America
Kurt Toro, WSMS Mid-America
Michele Wolfgram, WSMS Mid-America

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I. Roll Call

Gerry Gibeault conducted a roll call. Nineteen (19) individuals from seven (7) DOE/NNSA locations involved with the Hazards Assessment Subcommittee (HASubC) were present.

II. Administrative Matters

Gerry Gibeault indicated that this was his first teleconference since assuming the role of HASubC chairman at the end of the May 5, 2008 HASubC meeting.



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III. Action Item (AI) Update

HASubC meeting at the EMI-SIG Annual Meeting: The HASubC meeting sessions that were discussed during the last teleconference were presented as planned.

- Lessons Sharing Panel on Implementing New Requirements of DOE O 151.1C, "Hazardous Materials Screening" (Jim Jamison, Reed Hodgkin, Jeff Long, Kerry Ward, Chuck Rives);
- Better Hazards Assessments Through Sharing – a New EMI-SIG Product (Gerry Gibeault, Jim Jamison);
- Hazards Evaluation of Non-Radiological Materials that are Part of a Matrix that is Primarily Radiological (Jim Jamison);
- Hazards Survey/Hazards Assessment Issues discussion – Next Year's HASubC Planning (Jeff Long); and
- HASubC Business.

No other open AIs were carried forward from the last teleconference.

IV. New Business

The teleconference began with a discussion of the recent EMI-SIG Annual Meeting held in Reston, VA. Teleconference participants were encouraged to share their experiences of the event. Gerry Gibeault first thanked Dorothy Cohen for her efforts in organizing the meeting and then shared that he particularly appreciated the opportunity the venue provided for open discussion of issues. Gerry mentioned, as an example, that he had gained new insights on how emergency management organizations could address the requirement that they be notified of changes to hazardous material inventories. These comments were followed by an open discussion where several site representatives explained the approaches used at their respective facilities.

Discontinue Password Protection for the Hazards Assessment Subcommittee Website:

The HASubC website hosted by ORISE is currently password protected. Other websites hosted by ORISE (e.g. the Subcommittee on Consequence Assessment and Protective Actions, and DOE Meteorological Coordinating Council) are not password protected. After



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some discussion, it was decided that the HASubC website does not contain any information that requires password protection. Therefore, password protection for the website will be discontinued.

Implementation of SharePoint: Dorothy Cohen discussed how the HASubC can use the SharePoint system to exchange information. This communication system enables collaboration for remote discussions between groups like HASubC. Features include the ability to upload documents, review documents, modify documents, use a shared calendar for common events, post announcements, post items of interest, post lists of people, etc. ORNL, SRS, and ORISE organizations already are using SharePoint. Wayne Davis briefly discussed the limitations imposed on Official Use Only (OUO) documents, many of which are truly not OUO but only OPSEC-sensitive.

A SharePoint application is now online and available to HASubC members. Gerry asked that the teleconference participants take a critical look at this resource. Based on a limited first look, SharePoint seems to offer some great new tools. However, it will be up to the HASubC members to determine if the SharePoint application has a future with the subcommittee.

HASubC members should e-mail to Dorothy or Amparo to get a user ID to participate.

Potential Issues: Teleconference participants were asked to identify specific issues that may be of broad interest to the community.

- **Mixed hazardous waste:** How should Emergency Planning Hazards Assessments (EPHAs) analyze the non-radiological hazardous material component(s) in mixed hazardous waste?
- **Biological hazardous materials:** Emergencies associated with the airborne release of biological materials are categorized as operational emergencies that do not require further classification. Should airborne releases of biological materials be addressed in an EPHA, and if so, how?
- **Friable asbestos:** Should friable asbestos be addressed in an EPHA, and if so, how?
- **Cadmium metal:** Cadmium metal has a relatively low boiling point. Should it be addressed in an EPHA, and if so, how?



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- **Resource sharing:** If requested, would DOE sites be willing to post examples of their work (e.g., hazards surveys, EPHAs, emergency action levels.) Would there be enough potential value in this activity to warrant maintaining it?

It was thought that these issues could serve as test cases for the SharePoint HASubC application. However, they may also be addressed via the current "Hazards Assessment Subcommittee Discussion List serv Distribution List." The HASubC membership preference in resolving issues will also indicate if the SharePoint HASubC application is viable for the future.

V. Round Robin Discussion

The round robin discussion segment of the teleconference was omitted due to lack of time. More care will be exercised at the next teleconference to allow at least 10 min for a round-robin discussion.

VI. Next HASubC Conference Call

The next HASubC teleconference will be scheduled on **August 20, 2008** at **2:00 pm** EDT.

VII. Adjournment

The teleconference was adjourned at **3:00 p.m. EDT**. Gerry thanked everyone for their time and contributions.

VIII. HAS Action Item (AI) Status

No specific new AIs were opened or closed as a result of the discussions in this teleconference, and there are presently no open AIs. However, teleconference participants are requested to investigate the HASubC SharePoint application and consider the list of potential issues presented above. Opinions and suggestions regarding both topics would be highly appreciated at the next teleconference.

AIs 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:



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

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