

MC&A Policy Panel Teleconference

June 25, 2008



Participants/Sites Represented

ORNL, Y-12, SRS, PANTEX, LANL, LLNL, DOE-HQ (Germantown), NNSA, ID, RL/PNNL, CH/ANL/NBL, and NV

A list of participants was provided by each site. See Attachment 1.

Welcome

The meeting was opened by Ms. Debarah Holmer, Office of Policy, who welcomed everyone's attendance and performed a roll call. Ms. Holmer reminded everyone to send a list of those participating at each location by COB Friday, June 27th.

Office of Policy (HS-71) Updates

Mr. Jack Cowden, Director of the Office of Policy, announced that Jim Crabtree, Office of Policy, Office of Security Policy, has been detailed to HS-1.22 for 120 days to assist with Nuclear Material Management and Safeguards System (NMMSS). In the interim, Ms. Holmer will coordinate all MC&A issues and actions for HS-71. Any activities that were ongoing with Mr. Crabtree should also be directed to Ms. Holmer until further notice.

Ms. Holmer stated that this teleconference was informational only. Future quarterly teleconferences will continue to be used to update the MC&A community and in-person meetings will be scheduled as needed for detailed discussions. Questions and comments on the call were to be general and detailed site specific questions to be discussed offline with HS-71.

Ms. Holmer stated that individuals would have an opportunity to speak with Ms. Barbara Stone, Director of the Office of Security Policy, Dr. Dick Donovan, Deputy Director of the Office of Security Policy, or herself at the INMM annual meeting in Nashville, TN on July 13-17, 2008. If you would like to schedule a meeting time, please email Ms. Holmer as soon as possible so a time and conference room can be scheduled.

NNSA MC&A Implementation Panel Meeting will be held Sunday, July 13, 2008, from 9:00 - 11:00 a.m. in Nashville, TN, at the Renaissance Hotel.

MC&A Policies

MC&A Manual

Mr. Jack Cowden updated on the status of the revision to the current manual. HS-71 is preparing a revised MC&A manual that identifies basic MC&A performance objectives and provides metrics to evaluate MC&A programs. The preparation of a Technical Standard is also underway to support a compliance-based approach to MC&A program development and implementation.

Technical Standard

Ms. Debarah Holmer spoke about the development of a new Technical Standard on Nuclear Material Control and Accountability that will provide DOE and site/facility operators with an accepted compliance-based means of meeting the draft MC&A Manual performance objectives and metrics. The Technical Standard development team is comprised of representatives from EM, NE, PNNL, NNSA, SC and HSS. A timeline for the completion of the project unknown, but a draft will be available before it goes into the Technical Standards RevCom system.

Graded Safeguards Table

Mr. Jack Cowden provided information on where we are with the Graded Safeguards Table technical report having been developed. When the new Design Basis Threat, which will have a new name, is finalized, a comparative analysis will be completed and HS-71 will work with the Program Offices to analyze cost and operational impacts before any policy change is proposed to the Graded Safeguards Table.

MC&A Guide

Mr. Jack Cowden updated the status of the MC&A Guide, which is on hold until the MC&A Manual has been completed. There is no need for further comments until the Guide is updated.

National Training Center (NTC) Updates

NTC MC&A News:

Ms. Holmer provided the MC&A community with information passed on by Louis Nolan from the NTC who was unable to attend the teleconference.

The Training Needs Assessment (TNA) for the Measurement Courses did not go out as scheduled on June 16, 2008, but should go out within the next couple of weeks after the master NTC TNA (for all NTC courses) has been completed.

Upcoming courses:

- 23-26 June-MCA-260, Physical Inventories for MC&A (at NTC)
- 28-31 June-MCA-260, Physical Inventories for MC&A (at Savannah River)-class is full
- 11-14 Aug-MCA-153, Intro to Performance Testing for MC&A (at Y-12)
- 18-22 Aug-MCA-132, Sampling Plans for MC&A (at NTC)
- 16-18 Sept-MCA-130, Statistical Concepts in MC&A (at NTC)

Round Robin Questions:

ID – When will classes be available for the next fiscal year? Ms. Holmer will check with Louis Nolan and send the information out to the community.

LLNL/Livermore Site Office– What do we do about training when there is no budget to sending people to training classes? (No comment)

RL– Is there going to be an unclassified version of the Graded Safeguards Table? Or at least an unclassified version with an exception. Mr. Cowden expressed that there is reluctance to send out an unclassified version of the Table.

No other questions or comments were made by any of the sites on the call. The meeting was adjourned.

Attachment 1
List of Participants

Name	Organization	Name	Organization
Andre, James	PNL	Kodman, Gary	HS-61
Armstrong, Fay	WSRC	Konzek, Glenn R	RL
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Bean, Thomas E.	INL	Lamb, Frank	HS-61
Borum, Michael Edward	ORNL	Lyons, Joe	DOE SRS
Bracken, David	LANL	Marsh, Bud	LLNL
Brock, Heidi (NEV)	NV	McGill, Paulette	ORNL
Bustos, Leah	LANL	McNeilly, Debra	NNSA
Byers, Kenneth R	PNL	Mitchell, Michael	PANTEX
Chovancek, David	CH	Mount, Mark	LLNL
Christensen, Claire	FH Safeguards	Narayanan, Usha	CH
Combs, Steve	Y-12	O'Leary, Jerry	WSRC
Cowden, Jack	HS-71	Otero-Bell, Diana	LANL
Davis, Andrew	Y-12	Perrine, EveAnn	
DeVito, Vince	HS-61	Preston, Lynne	HS-82
Diestra, Karina	HS-82	Reynolds, Ed	HS-81
Douglass, Brenda	HS-61	Scheffter, Ken	EM
Faiver, Rick	HS-71	Sheaffer, Michael	LLNL
Goguen, Pat	PANTEX	Shisler, David	HS-61
Goodwin, Dave	SC	Swindel, Brenda	PANTEX
Green, Richard	Y-12	Taylor, Todd	LLNL
Gunn, Leigh	EM	Thom, Mary Alice	INL
Haga, Roger	INL	Thomas, Ivan	INL
Hawkins, Ron	HS-61	Tuuri, Ken	ID
Heckman, Harvey	Y-12	Welsh, Terri	FH Safeguards
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Kellog, Dell	PANTEX	Young, David	Y-12
Key, Cathy	LANL		