

January 2005 P2 Conference Call
19 January 2005

1. Steve Woodbury encouraged people to share their experiences with integrating P2 into site EMS/ISMSs by participating in the EMS training program scheduled in March at Columbus. People should feel free to submit abstracts and call Steve if they have any questions.

Later in the conference call, Beverly Whitehead asked for site feedback on integrating P2 into the EMS/ISMS. Bruce Campbell, LLNL, indicated that the lab is working on presenting the business case for P2 and Lisa Burns, YMP, reported that a team is being formed to address the water and energy P2 implications for the site.

2. Jane Powers provided an update of EPA's program to reduce use of five priority chemicals: cadmium, lead, polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs), mercury, and naphthalene. EPA suggests that Federal agencies achieve a 50% use reduction of these chemicals in certain processes (e.g., reducing lead in soldering).

In keeping with the spirit and role of EMSs, sites should identify the priority chemicals they will target for use reduction, rather than automatically use the EPA's priority chemicals. Jane sought information on

- Whether sites have identified priority chemicals for use reduction,
- How sites track their efforts to reduce use of their priority chemicals, and
- How sites report their use-reduction progress.

John Harley mentioned that about four years ago SRS did a mini-PPOA of the TRI chemical releases the site reported. The assessment included how the chemicals were used and possible alternatives to their use.

Suggestions were made that (1) sites should record their chemical use reduction activities in the Accomplishments portion of the P2 data call and (2) the instructions for the data call include a reminder to that effect.

3. Headquarters submitted a proposal to the EPA P2 grant program to conduct a PPOA at a site. A solicitation for a volunteer site will be issued if the proposal is accepted. Several sites indicated that they did not submit proposals because the cost and time associated with applying for a grant and the recordkeeping and reporting associated with receiving one outweighed the monetary value of the grant.

4. Don Lentzen reported that 50 P2 award nominations were submitted. The respective PSOs selected 31 of them as Best-In-Class for forwarding to the White House Closing-the-Circle Awards. The PSOs also selected 6 Star award winners. Award selections are tentative pending acceptance by EH-1.

5. Beverly Whitehead stated that EH-43 developed fact sheets assessing the applicability of 6 P2 activities undertaken at other Federal facilities to DOE operations. The fact

sheets describe, among other things, the EPP database developed by EPA and mercury recycling. The fact sheets will be posted on the P2 web site shortly.

6. Greg McBrien reported that the P2 IG final report was issued on 14 January and sent to EH-1, EM-1, and NNSA-66. Action items were included for those organizations and were basically the same as those listed in the draft report with the exception that a recommendation was made to consider creative funding mechanisms such as generator set-aside funds.