



**Level VI Program
Meeting Minutes
2011 CVSA Workshop
April 12–14, 2011 – Chicago, IL
Revised Date: 04/13/2011**

Chair: Carlisle Smith, OH
Vice Chair: Bill Reese, ID
Secretary: Tom Fuller, NY
CVSA Liaison: Larry Stern

Call to Order – 1:30pm

Opening Remarks – Carlisle Smith, Chairman

- Introductions of Attendees
- Chairman Smith announced the retirement of Dick Henderson and recognized his dedication to CVSA
- Chairman Smith announced the 2 new Directors of CVSA – Will Schaefer and Randy West

Review/Approval of 2010 Annual Conference, Anaheim, CA Minutes

- Motion to accept the Anaheim minutes was made by Mr. Armstrong and seconded by Mr. Reese. All Committee members voted in favor, none opposed.

Reports

Mr. Stern updated the Committee on the status of the EM/WIPP- Cooperative Agreement.

Funding – The funding for the fifth and final year of a 5 – year agreement is \$290,000. This funding covers the Level VI and Industry Awareness classes, as well as the public outreach program, the ANSI sub committee work, the Level VI website, and the preparation and publication of the safety/security technologies for DOE shipments. Mr. Stern has met with DOE regarding a new 5 - year cooperative agreement. DOE advised that they are interested in a new 5 – year agreement covering training, peer reviews, public outreach and certification.

Training – Four Level VI classes, two industry awareness classes, and the National Instructors meeting have been completed so far this year.

ANSI Subcommittee Work – After 4 years of work the sub-committee presented a standard that sets forth methods for radiation and contamination measurement for packaging and transportation of radioactive material by all transportation modes and during all phases of transportation.

Ad Hoc RAM/Security/ITS committee – The committee completed their work and presented the “Safety and Security Technologies for Radioactive Material Shipments” report for the DOE to the Executive committee for their approval. It will then be distributed to DOE, its contractors, stakeholders, and the public. The Ad Hoc committee is now finished.

Peer Reviews – Peer reviews are scheduled to be performed in New Mexico and Idaho this year.

Level VI Training Course Update – There have been 21 changes to the course and contract negotiations are underway to update the course’s training videos.

2011 Level VI Out-of-Service Criteria (OOSC) – Chairman Smith advised the committee of the new procedures for changes to the OOSC. Due to these new procedures the changes to the Level VI OOSC will have to be submitted earlier than the current timeline.

CVSA Comments to the NRC – CVSA sent a letter to Cindy Bladey, Chief, Rules, Announcements, and Directives Branch of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission. In this letter CVSA references three dockets: NRC-2010-0194, NRC-2009-0163, and NRC-20010-0340. CVSA points out the lack of consistency in the definitions, routing requirements, advanced notification requirements, and security requirements in the dockets. The



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allowance of state inspections and access by law enforcement agencies to shipment status and location was also addressed.

Level VI Website/Blog – Mr. Stann gave an update on the Level VI Website. Currently there is some use of the website but not by registered users. We need to encourage members of the program to register when using the blog so we can adequately evaluate its usefulness.

DOE / WIPP Report – Mr Mackie delivered his report telephonically to the committee. Mr. Mackie advised us of the number of total shipments as of April 4, 2011, the incidents and accidents since September 2010, the securement devices for the TruPact II and the status of the TruPact III

States and Territories without Level VI Inspectors – Mr Swedberg updated the committee on the status of states without Level VI inspectors. Puerto Rico is expecting some Level VI shipments in the future and will be sending some inspectors to the Level VI class in Las Vegas, NV.

Cobalt 60 Updates – Ms. Englehart gave a slide presentation to the committee on the shipments of Cobalt 60. She also gave a summary of inspections broken down by carrier. Neither Jade or Cassidy's had any accidents for the past 24 months.

Issue/ Request for Action Items

None

Old Business

Current Status of Operational Policy 2 – Mr Reese gave an update of the status of Operational Policy 2. It is currently still in the Executive Committee as of the time of the meeting.

New Business

Operational Policy 7 – Chairman Smith advised the committee that Operational Policy 7 requires the procedures for making changes to the “North American Standard Out-of-Service Criteria for Transuranic Waste and Highway Route Controlled Quantities of radioactive Material” shall be made in the same manner as prescribe for the “North American Standard Out-of-Service Criteria”.

State and Provincial Roundtable

Updates were given by the following: NY, NM, WA, CO, IL, NE, PA, SC, GA, OH, ID

Other Business

Chairman Smith recognized Mr, Bugg (Chair of Hazmat Committee) for his long standing dedication to both the Hazmat Committee and the Level VI Program Committee. Mr Bugg will be stepping down as the Hazmat Chair due to Fiscal constraints of his state.

Adjourned – 5:06pm