



RAM Sub-Committee Minutes

2010 CVSA Workshop

April 19 - 21, San Antonio, TX

April 21, 2010

Chair:	Carlisle Smith - Ohio
Vice Chair:	William Reese - Idaho
Secretary:	Tom Fuller – New York
CVSA Liaison:	Larry Stern

Call to order – 1:00 PM

Opening Remarks – Carlisle Smith, Chairman

- Introductions of Attendees

Review/Approval of 2009 Annual Conference, Baltimore, MD Minutes

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

Report Summaries

WIPP

Mr. Stern updated the Committee on the status of the EM/WIPP- Cooperative Agreement. A review of the remainder of the 2010 Level VI Training Schedule was given, noting an addition of a class this summer in Albany, NY. Mr. Stern announced the 2011 Train the Trainer meeting January 12 & 13, 2011 in Austin, TX. An update of the remainder of the 2010 Public Outreach Schedule was given. It was noted that Public Outreach Coordinator Duane Sammons will attend the National Transportation Stakeholders Forum in Chicago in May with the Level VI Outreach Program. Mr. Stern informed the Committee that work has begun on Level VI Annual Report. Mr. Stern reminded the Committee that the RAD News is now part of the CVSA Guardian. Mr. Stern also informed the Committee that possibly two Peer Reviews shall be conducted in CY 2011.

Mr. Smith reminded the Committee of requirements to follow CVSA Operational Policies 4 and 5 to maintain their state inspector's certifications and to maintain their state Train the Trainer certifications. A review was given of the states that participated in the 2010 Level VI Train the Trainer held in Phoenix this past winter. Mr. Smith reported that the Level VI Instructor meeting also held in Phoenix accomplished the creation of a second Level VI Final exam, an update of the Security Training Module, a review and approval of the 2010 Level VI OOS Criteria, and the pending implementation of a Safeguard Information Module. The new Level VI inspection schematic was also finalized. Mr. Smith updated the Committee on the continued participation in the ANSI N14.36 Sub-Committee.

Mr. Stern, Mr. Smith and Mr. Fuller gave the Committee an update of the Level VI Data which is found online on the FMCSA A&I website. A demonstration was given to show the Committee members how to access the information.



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Mr. Mackie gave a presentation on the following activities for the DOE/WIPP program. Those activities are listed below:

- An overview of the TRUPACT III shipping cask;
- Shipments received at the WIPP site as of April 12, 2010;
- Small quantity site shipment schedule for 2010 – 2011;
- Site specific shipment projections for CH waste for FY 2010 – FY 2014;
- Site specific shipment projections for RH waste for FY 2010 – FY 2014;
- Incidents/Accidents from September 2009 – April 2010;
- Risk Communication course;

RW

Mr. Stern reminded the Committee that the RW program is still in an inactive status due to the budget cuts by Congress in Federal Fiscal Year 2009.

FMCSA

Mr. Swedberg provided an update on the status of CSA 2010 and its possible impact on the Level VI program. Mr. Swedberg provided the Committee with the training status of the FMCSA staff who are certified as Level VI inspectors. Mr. Swedberg also updated the Committee on FMCSA's hazardous materials program activities for FFY 2010 and activities planned in FFY 2011.

Ad-Hoc Committees

- RAM/Security/ITS Committee: Mr. Reese provided an update on activities of the RAM/Security/ITS Committee. Mr. Reese informed the Committee that a final report on safety technologies for DOE shipments is planned to be released by fall.
- Data Quality Committee: Mr. Fuller reported on the activities of the Data Quality Committee created in Baltimore. As part of the CSA 2010 data quality initiative, CVSA conducted a complete review of violations found in ASPEN that will impact the Level VI program. As a result of the Ad-Hoc Committee's work, violations will be added to the Level VI Inspection criteria and several were identified as potential Out of Service violations which will be voted on by the Committee to add to the 2011 Level VI OOS Criteria. With this Ad-Hoc Committee's work completed, the Committee was closed by Chairman Smith.
- Level VI Decal Committee: Mr. Bugg and Mr. Smoak updated the Committee on their Ad-Hoc Committee's work on updating the language in 49 CFR 385.415 and the issuance of a Level VI Decal. Mr. Bugg was asked to draft language to provide to the Committee in order to submit a petition for rulemaking to FMCSA to update the language in 49 CFR 385.415. Mr. Stern recommended that the Committee look into how this issue can be addressed in the Level VI inspection and OOS Criteria. Chairman Smith shall add this as an action item for the next Committee meeting.



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Other Business

- DNDO: Mr. Bugg gave a presentation of the DNDO ASP portal monitors program.
- TRU- Waste Carrier Update: Mr. Mills updated the Committee on their increases in fleet size and the number of drivers they employee as of 2010 due to added activity.
- Cobalt 60 Carrier Update: Ms. Barb Englehart provided a presentation of concerns by the Cobalt 60 carriers. The presentation covered state fee inconsistencies, Level VI decal reciprocity, vehicle defects and out of service violations, high security bolt seals, and accidents and incidents.
- Proposed Level VI inspection item of co-driver's records (see attached): This EQUAT was submitted by National Instructor Tony Anderson to add the co-driver's records to the Level VI inspection criteria. Mr. Wagner motioned not to accept the EQUAT proposal, seconded by Mr. Beasley. The Committee voted against adding this item to the Level VI Inspection criteria.
- Proposed change in the Level VI decal rules (see attached): This EQUAT was submitted by National Instructor Tony Anderson. The recommendation addressed the event of a driver/co-driver change while a vehicle was operating with a current Level VI decal. The EQUAT recommended that if a change in the driver/co-driver occurred, the Level VI decal should be removed. This would then require a new point of origin inspection. Mr. Beasley made a motion to not accept the EQUAT proposal. The motion to not accept was seconded by Mr. Wagner, the Committee voted not to accept the EQUAT recommendation.
- Proposed changes to the 2011 Level VI OOS Criteria (see attached): As a result of the CSA 2010 Data Quality Ad-Hoc Committee, 15 inspection items were identified as potentially new OOS items for the 2011 Level VI OOS Criteria. Each proposed OOS item was discussed individually and voted on by the Committee. In the end, 8 of the 15 proposed OOS items were approved to be added to the 2011 Level VI OOS Criteria. Upon completion of individual item discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Smoak to accept the voting package as agreed, Mr. Wagner second the motion to accept. The Committee approved Mr. Smoak's motion.



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State Roundtable

New York by Mr. Fuller

South Carolina by Mr. Smoak

Colorado by Mr. Dowling, Mr. Rutledge

West Virginia by Mr. Bunner

New Mexico by Mr. Mayrant

Illinois by Mr. Beasley

New Jersey by Mr. Albanese

Nebraska by Mr. Wagner

Iowa by Mr. House

Idaho by Mr. Reese

Ohio by Chairman Smith

With no further business to discuss, Chairman Smith adjourned the Sub-Committee Meeting at 5:30 p.m.



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Attendees List

Larry Stern	CVSA
Carlisle Smith	Ohio Public Utilities Commission
Bill Reese	Idaho State Police
Tom Fuller	New York State Police
William Mackie	U.S. Department of Energy - Carlsbad
Richard Swedberg	FMCSA Western Service Center
Troy Smoak	South Carolina State Transport Police
Dean House	Iowa Department of Transportation
David Beasley	Illinois State Police
Brad Wagner	Nebraska State Patrol
Steve Albanese	New Jersey State Police
Bruce Bugg	Georgia Department of Public Safety
Kevin Bleeks	Transport Canada
Justin Dumouchel	Cassidy's Transfer and Storage LTD.
Reggie Bunner	West Virginia Public Service Commission
Josh Downing	Colorado State Patrol
Kelly Horn	Illinois Emergency Management Agency/Division of Nuclear Safety
Scott Hanson	Idaho State Police
Dave Salmon	New York State Police
Greg Thomas	New York State Police
Chris Mayrant	New Mexico Department of Public Safety
Barbara Englehart	MDS Nordian/GIPA
Randall Mills	Visionary Solutions
Alan Rutelge	Colorado Port of Entry
Alf Brown*	Ontario Ministry of Transportation
Rion Stann*	Pennsylvania State Police

* via telephone conference call