

Nuclear Facilities Standards Committee Executive Committee (NFSC ExC) 10 October 2001 Teleconference

Members Present:

Don Spellman, NFSC Chair, Oak Ridge National Laboratory
Thomas Luke, NFSC Vice-Chair, Exelon Cantara
Mike Ruby, NFSC member (alternate for Mike Wright),
Rochester Gas & Electric Company
Andrew Wehrenberg, NFSC ANS-24 SC Chair, Southern Company Services
Jean Savy, NFSC ANS-25 SC Chair, Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory
Prasad Kadambi, NFSC member, US Nuclear Regulatory Commission
James F. Mallay, NFSC member, Framatome ANP
Donald Eggett, NFSC ANS-23 SC Chair, AES Corporation
Suriya Ahmad, NFSC Administrator, American Nuclear Society
Joseph Cohen, NFSC ANS-27 SC Chair, Individual
John Dewes, NFSC ANS-27 SC Chair alternate, Westinghouse Savannah River Co.

Members Absent:

Mike Wright, NFSC ANS-21 SC Chair, Grand Gulf Nuclear Station
Neil Norman, NFSC ANS-23 SC Vice-Chair, Parsons Infrastructure & Tech. GP, Inc.
Charles Brown, NFSC ANS-26 SC Chair, Southern Nuclear Operating Company

Welcome and Roll Call

D. Spellman called the meeting to order and roll call was taken.

Agenda and Minutes Approved

The agenda for this meeting was approved without dissent. The NFSC ExC June 2001 meeting minutes were not recognized; therefore, approval was not ascertained. These minutes are complete and are posted on the NFSC website. Approval for the minutes will have to be granted at the November 2001 ANS semi-annual meeting in Reno, NV.

Subcommittee Chairs Status Reports

ANS-21, Mike Ruby reporting for Mike Wright

Mike Ruby present the ANS-21 report on behalf of Mike Wright. M. Ruby began the discussion about ANS-3.1. He mentioned that ANS-3.1 was reaffirmed in 1999; therefore, it is required to commence work in 2004. In addition, it was mentioned that ANS-3.1 was designated as N.18.1-1971 before it was redesignated in 1998 to ANS-3.1. Following this, the discussion led to ANS-3.4. It was questioned which NRC Reg Guide this ANS-3.4 was referenced. S. Ahmad said that she would ensure that ANS-3.4 has an extension until 12/02. [After this meeting, it has been confirmed that ANS-3.4 has its first extension until 12/02.]

Action Item 10/01-1:

S. Ahmad will find the Reg Guide in which is referenced ANS-3.1.

Next, J. Mallay declared that he was working on the formal response for the ANS-3.5 clarification, which was submitted by the ANS-3.5 Working Group (WG).

At the NFSC meeting in June 2001, it was decided to reaffirm ANS-4.5 before American National Standards Institute (ANSI) withdraws it; unfortunately, it was withdrawn shortly after the June meeting. The plan of action for this standard is to submit a new PINS form to revise it. D. Spellman said that he has a co-worker (Juan Carbajo) at Oak Ridge National Laboratory (ORNL) in mind to chair ANS-4.5 and he will present the position to him.

Action Item 10/01-2:

D. Spellman will talk with J. Carbajo to see if there is interest in chairing the revision of ANS-4.5.

It was confirmed that there remains a need for ANS-56.11 although it has been withdrawn by ANSI; therefore, a PINS form should be filed and a committee has to be configured. A. Wehrenberg suggested that ANS-56.11 might be best in his ANS-24, Analysis subcommittee. This topic will be on the NFSC November 2001 agenda for NFSC approval to move ANS 56.11 to ANS-24. Development of the PINS form will be deferred pending that decision.

ANS 58.11 was voted on for reaffirmation in July 2001 but one negative vote was received. The WG chair is resolving the negative vote.

Action Item 10/01-3: Upon completion of outstanding negative vote, S. Ahmad will submit ANS-58.11 for SSC letter ballot.

M.Ruby completed his report by requesting more WG volunteers and confirming that M. Wright will make a presentation at the Operations and Power Division meeting on Sunday, 10 November at 3.30 – 6pm in Crystal 1 Room.

ANS-22, Rick Hill

Rick Hill was absent from this meeting, but his report was provided. The NFSC ExC members reviewed the information. Apparently, the PINS for ANS-50.1 was withdraw and it never became a standard. NFSC has decided to discontinue work on ANS-50.1 and revise both ANS-51.1 and ANS-52.1 for PWRs and BWRs respectively. Rick will provide PINS forms for 51.1 and 52.1 for NFSC approval in November. Members noted that a lot of the information that had been compiled for development of ANS 50.1 should still be valid to be used for revisions of 51.1 and 52.1.

Action Item 10/01-4:

S. Ahmad will call Ralph Surman to obtain all information that he prepared for ANS-50.1 standard and provide it to Rick Hill.

Presently, ANS-51.10 is at letter ballot for the second time; however, there remains a complication with the NFSC ballot outcome. Few of the SSC members feel that two-thirds vote was not ascertained.

ANS-23, Don Eggett

D. Eggett reported on the status of ANS-3.12.1, ANS-3.12.2, and ANS-3.12.3. It is expected that ANS-3.12.2 will be ready by the ANS November meeting in Reno. Furthermore, D. Eggett suggested not completing ANS-3.12.1 due the recent September 11th terrorist attack until the possibility of any new security measures for nuclear power plants are determined. Additionally, due to the similarity of ANS 3.8.9 to ANS 3.12.2, it was determined that 3.8.9 may be withdrawn and the necessary sections put into 3.12.2. Don Eggett will discuss the specific details of this item with the NFSC in November.

Regarding, ANS-41.2, D. Eggett said that although there was currently no working group chair, he may have people to work on this standard and will appoint a new chair who may want to review the PINS scope statement for possible revision. This item will be discussed further at the November NFSC meeting.

ANS-24, Andy Wehrenberg

Standards recognized in this subcommittee were ANS-5.1, ANS-56.10, and ANS-58.2. To complete the reaffirmation of ANS-5.1, S. Ahmad will email A. Wehrenberg the foreword for reaffirmed standards (attachment, 1).

A. Wehrenberg mentioned that he has a person interested in working on ANS-56.10.

Action Item 10/01-5:

A. Wehrenberg will submit a new PINS for ANS-56.10 to NFSC for approval in November.

ANS-25, Jean Savy

No report submitted. J. Savy dialed-in to the teleconference but did not supply an updated report on his subcommittee. He might meet the NFSC in November, and whether or not he is able to travel at that time, he will supply a revised subcommittee report.

ANS-26, Charles Brown, absent
No report submitted.

ANS-27, Joe Cohen and John Dewes

J. Cohen began his report with the status of AN-40.35. The WG Chair for ANS-40.35 is D. Ferrigno, and he is still working on resolving the comments from the ballot period. Apparently, this WG disbanded but D. Ferrigno still contacts the WG to resolve the comments.

Action Item 10/01-6:

J. Cohen/J. Dewes will encourage Mr. Ferrigno to complete his actions prior to the November meeting and report the status of completion of 40.35.

ANS-40.37 is suffering from a decline in WG members.

ANS-57.2 and 57.3 are presently at ballot as a new American National Standard. These standards will be on the June 2002 agenda and Don Gardner, WG Chair for both these standards, shall be invited to attend the meeting.

ANS-57.8 needs WG members. J. Dewes spoke with R. Grimoldby and this individual accepted to chair this standard.

Special Presentation by Prasad Kadambi

P. Kadambi presented information regarding progress of his special committee to develop criteria for performance-based standards. Prasad noted the NRC is working on a paper, which will discuss the issue of performance-based standards that can be used in development of the ANS criteria. There is thought about combining the criteria for risk-informed and performance-based standards. Currently, standards are prescriptive with definitive statements about what it takes to satisfy the requirements of the standard. It was questioned whether or not performance-based standards should remove the words "shall," "should," and "may." J. Savy declared that the same language should be kept for consistency. This topic will be on the November agenda for further discussion, as it is becoming more time critical that the issue be clarified as standards development goes forward. What is actually missing is a clear understanding about the differences between descriptive, risk-based, and performance-based standards.

Action Item 10/01-7: P. Kadambi will again report the progress of his special committee at the November meeting of NFSC.

An agenda item for George Wagner to discuss his progress toward suggested revisions to the NFSC Policies and Procedures was not discussed because Mr. Wagner was not present for the teleconference nor had he notified anyone that he would be absent.

D. Spellman advised all Subcommittee Chairs that he had made arrangements with the appropriate ANS Division Chairs for SC Chairs to make a presentation to the Divisions on Sunday November 11, 2001. Mr. Spellman will provide the list of matching NFSC SC Chairs to ANS Division Chairs to S. Ahmad who will promulgate to affected persons.

Action Item 10/01-8:

S. Ahmad send message to SC Chairs for their arranged meetings with Division Chairs at the November ANS meeting.

A short discussion was held concerning the ANS Standards Committee annual report. SC Chairs were asked to ensure that they had their inputs to the NFSC Chair prior to October 24, 2001.

Action Item 10/01-9:

SC Chairs compile inputs from their working group chairs into a subcommittee report for the ANS Standards Committee annual report. Due date: October 24, 2001.

D. Spellman and S. Ahmad discussed arrangements for the NFSC meeting in Reno. Of significant note was the fact that ANS will now provide meeting space in the conference hotel for the NFSC meeting on Monday immediately following the Plenary Session at 10:00 am.

NFSC ExC October 2001 Minutes submitted by,

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