

**American Nuclear Society**  
**NFSC Executive Committee (ExC) Teleconference Synopsis**  
**Tuesday, January 27, 2009 (10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. EDT)**

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**1. Roll Call**

Roll call was taken and the teleconference was begun.

**2. Standards Prioritization Project**

The ExC was provided a presentation summarizing the efforts of the Ad Hoc Subcommittee established to develop a list of standards to be prioritized. Twenty-six standards were identified as possible subjects for the prioritization effort. ANS-3.5, ANS-3.1, ANS-2.25, ANS-2.17, and ANS-2.21 were identified as the top five standards to be expedited. The selection was based on industry need and new plant anticipation. The standards identified were in the early stages of development or nearing completion but could benefit from the additional support of elements in the proposed project plan.

An update on the revision to ANSI/ANS-3.5-1998 was provided. There had been good progress made on resolving NFSC and public comments. Substantive changes had been determined and a rebalot would be necessary. The draft also had a maintained negative and a public objection by the MANTG Simulator Subcommittee which would require a recirculation ballot.

Work on a revision of ANSI/ANS-3.1-1993 (R1999) was progressing well although there had been a change in working group leadership. Comments from the PINS review by the NFSC noted that the working group composition was heavy in utility participation.

The ExC was informed that NFSC comments on the PINS review of ANS-2.25 had been resolved and would proceed.

It was reported that comments from the subcommittee review of ANS-2.17 had been incorporated into the draft which should be finalized for NFSC ballot and public review shortly.

Standards that were to be involved in the prioritization effort would need to be confirmed. Those selected would need a management sponsor, appropriate working group staffing, and milestone schedules. Quarterly tracking of the projects would be required. It was noted that the term “management sponsor” and “NFSC liaison” were used to denote the individual assigned to provide additional support to the project. Members agreed that the term “management sponsor” better identified the position. The ExC questioned how the management sponsor differed from the subcommittee chair or working group chair. It was explained that the management sponsor should be an NFSC member-at-large with significant experience to offer guidance and follow progress. It was decided that responsibilities would need to be defined for the management sponsor.

A resurrection of inactive project ANS-50.1 was suggested for the prioritization effort because of significant inquiries received from the public. The ExC was reminded that originally, projects ANS-58.14 and ANS-50.1 had been initiated to replace ANS-51.1 and ANS-52.1. ANS-58.14 was approved, but ANS-50.1 stalled in comment resolutions. Currently a historical revision of ANS-58.14 was in development with the anticipation of a draft for NFSC ballot by the end of the year. Without the completion of ANS-50.1, the series would remain incomplete.

There was general agreement that consideration should be given to resurrecting ANS-50.1 and that the old draft should be reviewed to determine if it could be written as risk informed. It was also noted that consideration should be given to reinvigorating ANS-51.1/52.1 as an option.

There was agreement on the five projects selected for prioritization which were to be used as pilots for the standards proposal to expedite standards. Concern was expressed of proceeding with the pilots as the proposal skipped requirements in the approved procedures. Some members felt that a potential existed for repercussions if policies were not followed. The ExC was reminded that the NFSC approved a motion to initiate the pilot based on the proposal to expedite standards which permitted the deviation. Much discussion occurred and an action item to review the proposal against the NFSC Policies and Procedures was assigned. Variances between the proposal and procedures would be discussed at the NFSC June 2009 meeting.

### **3. NFSC Subcommittee Reports**

As much time was spent on the standards prioritization issue, subcommittee reports were shortened. Subcommittee chairs and vice chairs for ANS-24 and ANS-27 were not able to participate. Subcommittee chairs for ANS-28 and ANS-29 had conflicts and had to disconnect from the teleconference.

#### A. ANS-21 Maintenance, Operation, Testing & Training

ANS-21 Subcommittee Chair acknowledged that he received a lead on a new working group chair for ANS-3.4 with full support from Exelon. He reminded the ExC that substantive changes were identified in ANS-3.5 and would therefore serve a second ballot. A complete list of potential substantive changes was being reviewed. Once the substantive change list was finalized, the rebalot would be issued. There was discussion on the procedure requirements for the rebalot and if the full draft with all changes marked would be resubmitted. The consensus was that the revised draft would be provided with substantive changes highlighted along with a substantive change list. NFSC members would be asked to focus on the substantive changes for approval and comment.

#### B. ANS-22 Systems Design Criteria

No change was reported on open subcommittee action items.

#### C. ANS-25 Siting: Environmental & Emergency Preparedness

Communication had been re-established with ANS-2.6 Working Group Chair. Unfortunately, the chair was unable to devote the required time to lead the project. Another working group chair would be needed. The ExC was reminded that emergency preparedness standards under ANS-21 had been reassigned under ANS-25.

### **4. Non-Subcommittee Related Open Action Items**

Due to the lack of sufficient time, non-subcommittee action items were not discussed.

### **5. Other Business**

No other business was discussed.