

Draft minutes

Canadian Flaring and Venting Regulators Forum

Meeting

Date: Wednesday January 23, 2013

Time: 0900 PST; 1000 MST; 1100 CST; 1200 EST; 1330 NFLD – Approx. 1 hour.

Place: Teleconference

In Attendance:

Name

Randy Dobko

James Diamond

Christy Wickenheiser

Zoe Pfeiffer

James Vaughan

Jim Spangelo

Colby Ruff

Group

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New Action Items

	Who	Due
13-01-A: Zoe (NEB) to forward any info on ozone generation from flares in areas of fresh snow (high albedo).	Zoe	ASAP
13-01-B: James to set up a teleconference meeting with Randy (ESRD) and Mike (NRCan) regarding our next face to face meeting in June in Devon/Edmonton/Ft. McMurray	James	ASAP
13-01-C: James to Contact Kevin (BCOGC) about the Clearstone Report and circulate.	James	ASAP

1) Administration

-The meeting convened at approximately 0900 PT; 1000 MT; 1100 CT; 1200 ET and 1330 NT.

- A round of introductions was conducted.

Previous/Ongoing Action Items:

	Who	Due
12-06- A: Kevin Parsonage to forward copy of Clearstone paper on measurement of flare.	Kevin	ASAP
12-6-B: Jim Spangelo to make a spreadsheet for circulation to compare odour regulation, policy and guidelines in each jurisdiction.	Jim S.	ASAP

12-06-C: James Vaughan will be asking each Canadian Jurisdiction for 2012 flare and venting values. He will coordinate with Clearstone Study first.	James	Mid 2013
10-06-F: Ask NACE for permission to post presentation on CFVRF website	James	Carry Over
10-06-G: Work on Fuel, Purge, Blanket etc. gas definitions	Paul, Jim S. Kevin	Ongoing

2) Previous Action items:

- James will contact Kevin to get a copy of the Clearstone report to circulate to the team.
- Jim will re-send the spreadsheet on odour regulation in the different jurisdictions. Please fill out and send back to James.
- James will seek 2012 flare and vent values from each jurisdiction in mid 2013 to update the Canadian Country Implementation Plan.

3) CAMPUT ERC Meeting in Calgary – October 18, 2012.

- James attended.
- The members of the CAMPUT ERC still support the work the CFVRF is doing. There is support from the ERC for the work we are doing on the harmonization of flare and vent definitions.
- Next meeting will be on May 5, 2013 in Niagara Falls, Ontario. James to (hopefully) attend. Invitation extended to others on the CFVRF.

4) Update regarding Purge Gas, Fuel Gas, Flare Gas, etc. Definitions

- Jim gave an update of the latest flare and vent harmonization efforts.
 - o The Petroleum Registry of Alberta is now 'Petrinex'
 - o SEPAC is now 'EPAC'
 - o Industry in general and Petrinex see the benefits of harmonizing definitions.
 - o Biggest concern is cost to update systems, software and training.
 - o Still exploring costs. Will need to go to the ERCB Board for permission to move ahead and implement. Unsure of that likelihood.
 - o BC OGC and Saskatchewan Ministry of Economy support the initiative.
 - o Will hopefully have some direction as to whether to move ahead within the next couple of months.

Anything Else?

- Zoe asked if anyone had any information on ozone creation in the presence of snow (high albedo). There appears to be some studies from Utah and Wyoming regarding this.
- Randy will pass on to Lawrence Zhang (ESRD)
- ***Action Item: Zoe will pass on any information to the team through James.***

Other Business?

- There was a discussion in Winnipeg in June about having the next face to face meeting in the Edmonton area. Mike (NRCan) had expressed some interest in hosting at NRCan's facility in Devon, Alberta.
 - Randy suggested that a meeting venue may also be available at ESRD's downtown Edmonton offices.
 - Possibility of a side trip to Fort McMurray for a tour of an oilsands operation.
 - ***Action Item: James will coordinate a teleconference meeting with Mike and Randy to look at the feasibility of the June 2013 meeting.***
- Randy: In the reorganization of the ERCB into the Alberta Energy Regulator, people within ESRD who handle oil and gas approvals may be transferred to the new AER.
- James Diamond: Methane Expo to be held the 2nd week of March in Vancouver.
- James V: Will try to organize another teleconference in late March.

Meeting was adjourned at approximately 0940 PT; 1040 MT; 1140 CT; 1240 ET and 1510 NT.