

**Minutes of the Radiography Working Group Meeting on
Thursday September 30, 2010
Ottawa, Ontario**

In attendance:

CNSC:	Radiography Industry:
H. Rabski – Chair	Alan Brady – Co-Chair
P. Fundarek	Rick Debruyne (Calgary)
P. Larkin (Calgary)	Joel Kish (Calgary)
K. Mayer	Tom Levey
A. Régimbald	Chris Spencer (Calgary)
	François Rodier

Absent: E. Fortier (CNSC)
Guest: F. Newbury (CNSC)
Guest: D. Sullivan (CNSC)
Guest: M. Murphy (CSA)
Guest: A. Kwong (CSA)

Meeting

The meeting started at approximately 9:00 a.m. with a presentation from CSA. The working group was in Ottawa to participate in the Commission Meeting where the Radiography Working Group would present a briefing with respect to the Industrial Radiography Strategy, CMD 10-39. Minutes from the March 23rd meeting were approved.

Item One: CSA Proposal to Update CEDO

M. Murphy presented a proposal from CSA to update the current document *Certification of Exposure Device Operators (G-229)*. The guide, which was published in 2004, could be replaced by a standard that CSA would prepare for the Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission (CNSC).

This is one possible mechanism under consideration by the CNSC at this time. At the last meeting, it was agreed that this project is a priority of the Industrial Radiography Strategy. A copy of the proposal is attached to the minutes.

CNSC staff had met earlier in the week with representatives from Natural Resources Canada (NRCan) that administer the current exam on behalf of the CNSC. The NRCan representatives expressed their interest to continue fulfilling this role and an interest in

participating in any technical working groups that may be formed in the development of a standard. There was discussion on how the subsequent training would be conducted and evaluated to ensure that the training could address the items identified in the standard. NRCAN has the capacity to track the training institutions and verify their qualifications.

CSA pointed out that the development of the standard would require a “scheme committee” and that a cross-section of stakeholders would need to be identified to fill this role. The strength of the proposal was that a steering committee would be formed to provide independent direction to the standard, ensuring that it would meet the ongoing requirements of exposure device operators.

The next step will be for CNSC staff to attend an internal advisory committee meeting to receive support for the project. The next meeting of the CSA/CNSC steering committee is November 22-23rd in Toronto, where a decision on the project could be made.

Item Two: Review of Action Items

The action items were reviewed and the list updated.

Item Three: Debrief from Commission Meeting

The presentation by the Radiography Working Group was well received by the Commission Tribunal. Members were asked a number of questions by Commission Tribunal members following the presentation. The Tribunal noted that the presentation clearly demonstrated that a lot of effort had been expended since the last meeting and that the group still faced challenges with respect to performance and communication among stakeholders.

Item Four: CEDO Survey

The CEDO survey that was sent out to all licensees in March 2010 by the Canadian Industrial Radiography Safety Association (CIRSA) was reviewed in its entirety at this meeting. The timing of the review was synchronized with the CSA presentation on certification of CEDOs. From this review, it was determined that valuable information from the industry is available and should be taken into consideration when developing the revised CEDO certification system and exam.

CIRSA needs to verify that the survey was in fact sent out to all licensees since a statement at the front of the survey appears to show that only CIRSA members participated. If this is the case, the survey will need to be resent to the remaining licensees for their input.

Item Five: Next Meeting

Group members agreed that the next meeting should take place in late January or February 2011. Topics for the meeting would be updates regarding the CEDO certification process and a discussion on radiography equipment and how to engage suppliers and equipment manufacturers.

The meeting adjourned at 3:30 p.m.

Minutes prepared by: H. Rabski

c.c. Presentation from CSA
Action Items List