

Laser Safety Subgroup Charter

Laser Safety is one of several Subgroups of the Environmental Safety & Health Working Group of the DOE Energy Facilities Contractors Group (EFCOG)

Mission

The Laser Safety Subgroup promotes excellence in all aspects of laser safety through the collaborative sharing of policies, best practices, written procedures, tools, lessons learned, and hazard control technology. This Subgroup establishes an effective network for laser safety experts from DOE facilities.

I. Vision

Laser work will be done safely at DOE facilities with minimal risk of hazardous exposures. Laser workers will have excellent laser hazard awareness and the necessary skills, equipment, and tools to mitigate this hazard. Affected personnel will also have an appropriate level of laser hazard awareness. The Laser Safety Subgroup will contribute to improvements in practices, policy, education, and training for laser safety.

II. Strategy

The Laser Safety Subgroup will achieve its mission by leveraging the expertise of its membership. This includes:

- Sharing best practices;
- Promoting, coordinating, and facilitating the exchange of successful laser safety programs;
- Promoting consistency in laser safety policies and training;
- Providing technical leadership for laser safety and laser related projects to the Department of Energy;
- Collecting, consolidating and disseminating surveys; and
- Discussing means of regulatory compliance.