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A Word from the Chair...

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Thanks for all your hard work in supporting the critical missions of the Department of Energy and National Nuclear Security Administration.

It was a great pleasure to see so many of you in person at the 2022 Waste Management Symposia in Phoenix earlier this month. EFCOG's participation at the conference was a success, with EFCOG board members and member companies serving on a host of panels that featured important discussions with the Department of Energy and other stakeholders. In particular, EFCOG's joint panel with the Energy Communities Alliance on the path forward for Clean Energy Infrastructure investment and our panel highlighting EFCOG's key 2022 actions and priorities were especially useful. In addition, the EFCOG board had the opportunity to meet one-on-one with several field office managers, our Supply Chain task team was able to meet in person with DOE-EM leadership and the EFCOG Waste Management Working Group held an all-day meeting at the end of the conference.

As we get back to holding regular discussions within EFCOG and with our DOE and NNSA partners, it's important that we remain focused on our five strategic priorities for 2022:

- 1) Safe, secure and effective operations;
- 2) Ensuring long-term availability of critical equipment, supplies and infrastructure;
- 3) Assuring that projects are completed on cost and schedule;
- 4) Evolving enterprise recruiting and retention approaches to realize Diversity, Equity and Inclusion priorities; and
- 5) Utilizing operating approaches to realize sustainability, clean energy and reuse goals.

All of our activities, at both the Board and Working Group level, flow from these priorities and we remain committed to sharing best practices and lessons learned across the DOE/NNSA enterprise to ensure we deliver on them.

One of the most important opportunities to highlight the work of EFCOG will be coming up in June. The EFCOG annual meeting, with the theme of "Enabling DOE's critical missions by mitigating risks," will be held in person at the Marriott Crystal Gateway Hotel in Arlington, VA, June 21-22. The June 21 meeting will feature the Working Group Chairs and Task Team leaders presenting the latest actions and priorities for our six Working Groups and special initiative task teams, while the General Session will be held on June 22 with remarks from DOE headquarters and field leadership. Registration and hotel information can be found at www.efcog.org. See you there!

As a reminder, the annual election for board members will begin in April. The first step was the call for nominations, which went out in February with nominations due April 8. The election will then take place electronically from April 22-May 26. More information is available at www.efcog.org. Stay safe!

FEATURED WORKING GROUP REPORT

Safeguards & Security Working Group (SSWG)

Chair – H. Ray Hubbs, Jr., Y-12 National Security Complex

Secretary – Michelle Stellflug, Pacific Northwest National Laboratory

DOE Liaison – Mark Hojnacke

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In FY2021, the Safeguards and Security Working Group focused on key areas to address current or emerging challenges and to deliver efficiency and effectiveness in the development of Safeguards and Security Programs. Each subgroup conducted multiple conference call meetings to move forward with identified initiatives.

Due to the on-going, and seemingly never-ending COVID-19 Pandemic and its related restrictions, the SSWG has faced the same challenges as many have faced. All meetings have been via phone or Webex. Although the contacts have maintained, members have had to focus on their respective site recovery, therefore limiting the time available to consistently accomplish the FY21 Goals.

The EFCOG Community consists of a diverse collection of production, processing, storage, cleanup and research facilities. Just as varied as the facilities within EFCOG, are the type, size, complexity and skill of the protective force (PF) organizations providing security for them. Department of Energy (DOE) Orders prescribe specific capabilities for protective forces and/or the law-enforcement agencies (LEA's) charged with protecting DOE personnel and interests. One of our hard-working sub-groups is the Physical Protection Team. This team is working on Best Practices Guides that will address two emergent threats to DOE assets and personnel.

The frequency and devastation resulting from Active Assailant/Active Shooter incidents require security professionals to develop comprehensive response plans. Last year, the Team planned to develop and publish a Best Practices Guide for Active Assailant/Active Shooter that would promote the development of programs that go beyond the security/LLEA response. Recently, the Physical Protection Sub-Group decided to stand-down from their efforts to develop this Guide. The basis for the decision was that the Department of Homeland Security Interagency Security Committee (ISC) was completing work on a similar product. A review of an advance copy of the DHS/ISC guide led to a determination that their team's recommendations aligned with the EFCOG/SSWG/Physical Protection Sub-Group's work to date. As such, the group has offered their assistance in cascading the DHS product among our DOE contacts when it reaches final form. A great example of interagency partnerships at work.

Even though over the course of the past 30 years, protests and other acts of civil disobedience at DOE Facilities have consistently decreased, recent events across the United States demonstrate the need for the federal government and its contractors to plan, equip and train for a resurgence of such occurrences. Another area of concern is our response to suspicious packages and potential explosive devices. This effort will look at our Enterprise responses and work toward a standardized approach and response to such events.



The SSWG has an aggressive work plan for FY2022 with all of our sub-groups. Some of these initiatives are carry-overs from FY21. Information Security will be working on a number of projects to include publishing a

standard TSCM job qualification document, and destruction of media best practice guide. MC&A is continuing their work on the development of a measurement equipment matrix and a number of brochures and best practices. Programming Planning and Management (PPM) will be working with the Office of Insider Threat on LITWG activities and communications and a best practice guide on development of the LITWG core membership. The PPM Team will also look at developing and submitting recommendations to update the DOE Incidents of Security Concern Standard.

We look forward to this new year and having the opportunity to share our ideas, challenges, and accomplishments with our EFCOG community.

UPCOMING EVENTS

<i>EFCOG Annual Meeting</i>	June 21-22, 2022
<i>National Cleanup Workshop</i>	September 21-23, 2022