



Draft Minutes

Component Modeling Approach (CMA) - Ratings Subcommittee

Wednesday, July 22, 2009

Under Ratings Committee Block: 2:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Chair: *Gary Curtis, The West Wall Group*

Vice-Chair: *Mike Manteghi, TRACO*

1. Chair called the meeting to order at 2:15PM EDT – antitrust reminder given and reviewed voting requirements
2. Scott R. Hanlon (Staff) appointed recording secretary
3. Minutes from March 2009 (Tucson, AZ) meeting were approved as presented.
4. The agenda was reviewed an item under reports was added and approved
5. Reports
 - a. Complex Product TG – S. Kumar reported was formed in Tucson, AZ and has met twice. The TG is working on the scope. In general the TG is to review products that do not meet the NFRC standard product types for certification.
6. Unfinished Business
 - a. None
7. New Business
 - a. Forum Discussion – NFRC 705-2009, Section 5.1 – “Calculations performed by the ACE for label certificates shall be subject to review by an IA selected and contracted by the ACE.”
 - i. At the initial ACE pilot project training, the group was concern that the ACE contracting with an IA to perform the review of their work is not a proper mechanism for a review process.
 - ii. Does an “independent” ACE maintain their independence because of the contract between the IA and Independent ACE?
 - iii. A recommendation that the specifying authority would contract with the IA to perform the review.
 - iv. For audits, the IA associated with the label certificate is responsible for the remaining documentation trail and audits.
 - v. A recommendation that NFRC Counsel reviews the intent of process and the language.
 - vi. Chair will direct the CMA PCP task group to provide a ballot at the November meeting based on the recommendations discussed at this meeting.

- b. F. Fisher requested that the SC review the requirement to have IG Certification for NFRC label certificates. The IG Certification requirement has great potential to not allow NFRC label certificates to be generated and cause the closure of the small IG businesses.
 - i. This is concern that the specifying authority and the glass manufacturers who are responsible for the glass do not attend these meetings and are going to be unaware of the program requirements.
 - ii. The Chair recommends that this is taken to the NFRC Board for discussion and guidance.
 - c. G. McKenna requested and clarification was provided on the review, auditing, and generation of label certification process from the Chair and Staff.
 - i. Staff will review and update the flowchart listed in the NFRC 705 if applicable.
8. The meeting was adjourned at 2:59 PM EDT.