



CMA Validation Testing TG Notes

5/17/07

Task Group was convened at the request of CMA Technical SC Chair, Mike Manteghi, in order to discuss the current status of the work being done in this task group.

- a. The group reviewed the Recommendations document that TG chair, Mike Thoman, created for the group's consideration in the fall of 2006.
- b. In general the group is in agreement that some form of validation testing should be required as part of the frame approval process, especially since frame components would not be subject to recertification unless changes in technical procedures warranted it. Since the data would be maintained indefinitely in the component library it would be prudent to ensure that the simulated values are validated.
- c. Question posed: Do you isolate and validate the performance of a cross-section or the whole system? This is an issue to be resolved.
- d. There was also discussion about projects incorporating custom curtain wall systems. Mike Manteghi and Gary Curtis confirmed that the current Site-Built program will be made available for custom projects. Therefore, commercial ratings can be obtained through either the Site-Built or CMA program, whichever would work best for the licensee.
- e. The group concluded that at this time frame grouping rules need to be established before the task group can move forward with any definitive requirements for validation testing.

Next Steps:

1. The task group will convene in Denver – task groups meet on Monday, July 23rd. Staff will schedule the meeting for an afternoon time slot.
2. In addition, TG members are asked to submit any comments/edits they may have in relation to Mike's current recommendations document into the body of the text itself, tracking the changes. The document will be e-mailed to members again and is also currently posted on the task group page:
<http://www.nfrc.org/NRvalidationtesttg.aspx>
3. Lastly, Staff will make every effort to obtain information current research results for frame grouping and provide this information to the TG in advance of the July 23rd meeting.