

# Validation Testing Task Group

Conference Call Notes

Friday, January 16, 2009

Chair: Sneh Kumar, TRACO

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1. In attendance were: Sneh Kumar, Dennis Anderson, Mike Thoman, Marles McDonald, Willie DuPont, Tom Culp, Tina Reberger, Steve Harp, Steve Strawn, Brad Schultz, Frank Fisher, and Mahabir Bhandari
2. The meeting was started at 2:07 p.m. Eastern.
3. Notes from the last conference call (December 19) were approved.
4. Mahabir Bhandari was appointed recording secretary
5. Sneh explained the intent of the document, "Proposed changes in validation test requirements for spring 2009 NFRC ballot", which was circulated prior to conference call.
6. Sneh will discuss with Steve Strawn, Rating Committee Chair, and the procedure of making the proposed changes in PCP. Sneh will also attend the PCP task group meeting. The proposed changes may have to go through the Technical committee before submitting to Rating Committee.
7. The main discussion was focused on the following section proposed by Sneh:
  - a. i. Allow any change in any one frame member of the non-operable product and any change in up to 2 frame members of operable product provided U-factor is within 0.01 Btu/hr-ft<sup>2</sup>F.
  - b. ii. Allow same product type, with same frame-type to be in one matrix if their U-factor for best glazing option is within 0.1

It was concluded that these changes will require some concrete examples and language change. Sneh will provide examples illustrating the type of changes being proposed to the group before the next meeting.

8. Although there was a better agreement on the proposed language Multipurpose product, "For multiple products: Allow products with same base frame extrusion profiles to be put in the same matrix. Example – is a fixed window has same base frame profile as that of a casement, then validation of casement should cover the fixed window as well. " The members felt that before making any decision specific example would be needed. Sneh will provide the example products to the group.

9. Sneh's proposal - Section 4.2.6 General testing rules : Delete, rule not required was discussed. Marles McDonald and Mike Thoman argued that the purpose of this language is to isolate the effect of frame as much as possible and therefore removing this language may not serve the purpose.
10. Validation testing requirements for Recertification was briefly discussed. The group concluded it will require change in NFRC 100 and therefore it is not required to change the language in PCP. Sneh will discuss it further with Steve Strawn.
11. Willie DuPont noted that he added 3 more slides to his presentation and would make it available to members who were not present at the last conference call. He also offered to make a presentation to a smaller group. Sneh Kumar, Mike Thoman, Marles McDonald, Tina Reberger, Steve Harp will meet at Spring volunteered to be part of this group. Frank Fisher may join this group after Willie explains the intent of presentation to him.
12. The task group has requested ½ hr time slot at Spring meeting.
13. The group adjourned at 3:34 pm.

**Action items**

Sneh Kumar will present the examples of product to be grouped for validation testing  
Willie DuPont and smaller group will discuss and refine the presentation