

Validation Testing Task Group

Conference Call Notes

Friday, December 19, 2008

Chair: Sneh Kumar, TRACO

- 1) In attendance were: Sneh Kumar, Dennis Anderson, Mike Thoman, Joe Hayden, John Lewis, Marles McDonald, Willie duPont, Werner Lichtenberger, Tom Culp
- 2) The meeting was started at 11:36 a.m. Eastern.
- 3) No recording secretary was appointed. Dennis Anderson and Sneh Kumar coordinated the notes.
- 4) The scope of the TG was approved as revised to read as follows: *“To reexamine current validation testing requirements and propose modifications to the Technical Committee.”*
- 5) Willie duPont did a presentation titled, “Proposed Future of Testing within NFRC Certification.” - a concept proposal on taking a different approach to physical testing.(Presentation will be made available on the TG webpage).
 - a) It would not be just validation testing program, but a combination of validation, quality control, and research testing program.
 - b) It could potentially include other tests like SHGC, condensation resistance, VT besides U-Factor.
- 6) It was followed by a discussion on the proposed concept. Summary of the comments:
 - a) Overall, TG thought the proposal has merit.
 - b) A lot of work would need to be done to give a shape to this concept. Lots of details need to be worked out e.g. program management, Costs, product selection, non-validation issue.
 - c) It would be a significant shift from the current system. The implementation of the proposed testing program is expected to take up to 2-3 years.
- 7) As the proposed concept will take at least 2-3 years before implementation, TG felt steps should be taken for immediate relief from redundant validation testing.
- 8) Action items
 - a) Willie DuPont will start working on the details of the proposed testing program concept and share it with the TG.
 - b) TG would work towards reducing the redundant validation testing requirements in the current program. NFRC 100 language and PCP changes may supply immediate relief from redundant validation testing. Sneh will provide suggestion for changes.
- 9) The next conference call was scheduled as a web conference meeting on January 9, 2008 @ 2:00PM EST.
- 10) Meeting adjourned at 12:40 PM Eastern.