**NSC Technical Subcommittee Call Minutes – July 19, 2016**

**Zoom meeting (graphical interactive presentation):** <https://ksu.zoom.us/j/7854529456>

Tech-Subcommittee: <https://nationalsbeap.org/sbeap/resources/subcommittees/technical>

**Participation [by regions]:**

2: Harry Ching – NY

3: Nancy Herb – PA

4: Tony Pendola – NC; Melissa Collier & Taaka Scott-Bailey – MS; Teresa Shiflett, John Yntema & Mary Talukder – GA; and Donavan Grimwood - TN

5: Erin Conley – IL; Hien Le & Mike Nelson – MN; Jenifer Dixon – MI; Lisa Ashenbrenner, Renee Bashel, Jennifer Hamill - WI; Todd Nein – OH; and Mark Stoddard - IN

6: Sandy Spon – NM

7: Barb Goode – KS

8: Elizabeth Sapio – CO and John Podolinsky - MT

9: Jenna Latt – CA and Genevieve Salmonson – HI

**June minutes:** approved as is

**Introduction to the National Compliance Assistance Centers**

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George works for the National Center for Manufacturing Sciences (**NCMS**) and is the technical director for various **NCMS**-managed Compliance Assistance Centers (e.g., Healthcare, Metal Finishing, Construction) and Portals (e.g., Beneficial Use, Combustion, Hazardous Waste). He has worked for 40 years in the environmental protection field. George has advanced degrees in engineering and has written various books covering pollution prevention and control.

**NCMS** manages the compliance assistance centers, portals and state resources locator - <http://www.assistancecenters.net/> - through cooperative agreements and funded by the EPA Office of Enforcement & Compliance Assurance (**OECA**).

Currently, there are 18 sector specific compliance assistance centers, 2 portals (beneficial use and combustion portal) and the state resources locator (air, land & water pollutants, toxics, waste and other).

The National Metal Finishing Resource Center (**NMFRC**) and Healthcare Environmental Resource Center (**HERC**) are examples.

**HERC** includes Dental Offices (I.e. wastewater discharges containing mercury). Additionally, **HERC** has launched a new section that provides compliances assistance for the assisted living and nursing home communities.

The Combustion Portal includes boilers, incinerators, wood heating appliances and RICE (Reciprocating Internal Combustion Engines). It includes a web link to the **EPA Region 1 RICE** web page which includes a link to the regulation navigation tool - <https://www3.epa.gov/ttn/atw/rice/output/quiz.html>. It was **Melissa Payne, US EPA** who introduced our group to this tool in March 2011.

**NCMS** is hoping to launch the hazardous waste portal later this month. We were able to preview what the portal might look like when launched. The portal will include a searchable database. Search results may frequently include the link to RCRA Online - <https://yosemite.epa.gov/osw/rcra.nsf/How+To+Use>.

The website contains 23 state resource locators which provide links to state-specific resources and contact. For example, answers to questions pertaining to regulated medical waste are frequently sought. One can view the resource locator to learn more about the **Ohio** infectious waste program.

**FY 2017**

**NCMS** will update the state contacts database which was last updated 9 years ago.

**NCMS** was issued an **EPA** source reduction grant to explore innovative P2 in the metal finishing industry. **NCMS** will partner with the Michigan chapter of the National Association for Surface Finishing (**NASF**) to establish demonstration sites most likely starting in 2017. As a result, outreach materials from this project will be developed and made available.

**EPA retrospective review – need your suggestions**

**The Technical Subcommittee/NSC has submitted comments in the past. It does not appear that any of the ideas have received much traction. The last letter will be used to resubmit past recommendations and additional specific issues will be added. Paula will submit the comments internally.**

**Potential recommendations discussed:**

* **6H, especially training requirements, petition for exemption “guilty until proven innocent”**
* **Method 22, visible emissions monitoring for welding and blasting**
* **Once in always in**
* **6W plating and polishing rule seems like suggestions instead of a rule, frequent use of “as practicable”**

**There is a tight turnaround time on this. Paula must receive comments by July 21. Please provide suggested text by 3pm eastern on July 20.**

**Potential Future Topics**

* Ozone NAAQS
* Promoting/conducting confidential compliance assistance visits – **September 2016**
* **Coating manufacturers:** sharing information to help users with environmental determinations
* How to read the Federal Register
* How states handle potential to emit
* Sector specific compliance assistance centers

**Next Call:**

August 16, 2016

2-3pm EST (3rd Tuesday of month)

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