

TEC Security Topic Group

Thursday, August 17, 2006
3 p.m. EST

Group Chair: Alex Thrower

Participants: Lisa Janairo (CSG-MW), Sarah Wochos (CSG-MW), Christina Nelson (NCSL), Angela Kordyak (DOE/OGC), Larry Stern (CVSA), Jim McNeil (CHP), Tim Runyon (State of Illinois), Chris Einberg (DOE/RW), and Bob Halstead (State of Nevada).

DOE support contractors also participated on the call.

Action Items:

Responsible Party

Action to be Taken

Alex Thrower

Consult NRC regarding its Tribal points of contact

Remove item #2 of the *Other Topics of Interest to the STG* from the Work Plan

Obtain guidance from OCRWM security and licensing offices on what materials can be developed for the security bibliography.

Discuss with Jay Jones potential for obtaining Tribal-related information similar to the State survey conducted by the regional groups.

Summary:

The purpose of this call was to discuss the status of the following items: the Transportation Classification Guide, the Security Lessons Learned document, the work plan, and Bibliography of Publicly Available Security-Related Documents.

General Comments:

At the outset of the call, Alex Thrower noted Christina Nelson circulated the biography of Ward Sproat to all of the STG members. He added the minutes from the previous month would be finalized and posted to the TEC website if no one had any additional comments. Because participants had nothing to add, he moved to discuss status of the Transportation Classification Guide.

Chris Einberg said he had met with members of the NRC one and a half months ago to clarify outstanding issues associated with the Classification Guide. He added the document required agreement within DOE-OCRWM and the Department's Office of Security. The timeframe for accomplishing concurrence was unknown. Bob Halstead recommended that it would be a good idea to have concrete examples of how the NRC applies the rules in the Classification Guide. He mentioned that there is a Public Information Circular on Radiation and Spent Fuel that would be useful because it consists of detailed historic information that provides insight into scenarios where adversarial attacks have been made on shipments. It is important to note that the Circular applies to NRC licensee shipments only and according to Regulation 0175 requires NRC input. Because of this fact, Bob Halstead indicated that there is a cause for additional concern. Alex Thrower replied that an information sharing protocol (which is currently being developed) could serve the same purpose. He added that just because the STG may not develop a fully-detailed protocol at present did not mean that it could not do so at a future time. Chris Einberg supported Alex's recommendation. He noted that Sue Bagley is the NRC point of contact and that it would be prudent to solicit her opinion of the protocol.

The next topic of discussion was the Security Lessons Learned document. Alex Thrower stated that this document, including much relevant information from past shipping campaigns, is currently at the Idaho National Labs for review. Once this task is completed, the document will be posted on the TEC website.

Next, Lisa Janairo asked whether or not the Bibliography of Publicly Available Security-Related Documents would be available via TREX. Alex Thrower replied that they would be burned to a CD along with all of the publicly available documents, and sent out to STG members. The disc will contain the documents or links to the actual documents. As an alternative, another participant suggested that PDF files could be archived and placed on a server for individuals to access. Alex Thrower commented that access to information in the engineering library might prove difficult to obtain online. A participant then commented that when materials related to OCRWM's license application are submitted, very specific requirements must be met. Alex Thrower responded that he would check to see whether those requirements might apply to this exercise. He noted that while individual documents by themselves may not pose a security concern, their accumulation might, and we would need to have a full classification review to determine that. Alex further noted the CD format would probably be the preferred way to circulate the information because the distribution of hard copies is trackable, while housing the information on a website is less controllable.

Alex Thrower then discussed the work plan. On page one, he noted that there is a reference to the Classification Guide which indicates that it has been finalized to a point where there is enough accomplished to justify the drafting of a work plan. Page one also serves to outline information sharing and the length of time RW will have for review. Participants then determined that #2 on page 3 will be removed. A participant asked who was responsible for the activities outlined in #3 which includes "coordination with the Information Security task group to identify appropriate interfaces, roles, and protocols for handling of sensitive and classified information." Alex responded that he is in the

process of getting the Tribal information from Jay Jones. Another participant wondered whether or not there was a NRC rule governing Tribal notification. Alex replied that he will check on this question in addition to obtaining the Tribal points of contact. He also highlighted the fact that he would consult further with Judith Holm and Jay Jones in regard to Tribal matters so as to avoid duplication of efforts. Finally, Alex Thrower established that he will remove the portion of the work plan which details the NCSL survey results.

A participant then asked Alex Thrower why the evaluation of topic group recommendations on issues of inspections and escorts was delegated to the STG for completion. Alex stressed that it is TEC's purpose to facilitate communication between interested stakeholders through the protection of open meetings; the subject matter discussed by the group cannot be not sensitive. He suggested it may be advisable to plan further security-related discussion through the regional groups. For example, Alex remarked that Products 4, 5, & 8 could be handled by the SRGs, 10-11 by DOE, and 15-16 by TREX. In response, Tim Runyon emphasized that the STG is not making progress on hard security issues. He added that the group's title is a misnomer and should be changed. He suggested the title Operations Topic Group. It was noted further that the entire topic group could use a reconfiguration of its focus because much of what it is handling could be addressed by the SRGs or the RTG. Scott replied that there is much good work being accomplished in the RTG and its subgroups. As a result, he too suggested that the STG devote its resources to other activities. Alex agreed and suggested the Security group could potentially "sunset," while new groups could take up remaining tasks.

The call adjourned at approximately 4 p.m. EST.