Information Paper on
Meetings of the Chairs of NUSSC, RASSC,
TRANSSC, WASSC, and NSGC
On 07 April 2014

- The meeting of the Committee Chairs is typically held the day before the CSS meeting.

- The purpose of the Chairs meeting is to coordinate on safety standards, security series documents, program activities of common interest to the committees, and to identify any items identified by the Chairs that need to be addressed at the CSS meeting.

- The Chairs meeting included the four Safety Standards Committee Chairs: NUSSC - Mr. F. Feron (France), RASSC - Mr. G. Massera (Argentina), TRANSSC - Mr. P. Hinrichsen (South Africa) and former Chair B. Brach (USA), WASSC - Mr. G. Williams (Australia), and the Chair of the Nuclear Security Guidance Committee (NSGC), Mr. G. Emireynolds (Ghana).

- The following is a summary of the Chairs meeting discussion topics:
  1. **Induction Course for the Renewed Committees** - all the safety committees were asked to include an induction/training session for new committee members for the start of the new 4 year term. For TRANSSC, a separate TRANSSC Part 1 induction session is planned for June 16. The TRANSSC induction/training session will be focused for new TRANSSC members, but the session will be open to all TRANSSC members to attend.
  2. **Presentation to the CSS of the End of Term Reports** - The four Safety Standards Committee Chairs briefly discussed their CSS presentations. The main focus of the presentations will be an overview of each of the Chairs' three year term reports. The NSGC Committee three year term ends in 2014, and accordingly did not have a three year term report to present.
  3. **Improvement of SPESS A and B** – Dominique Delattre shared plans to revise SPESS A and B in mid-2014, and to provide a draft for comment at the next Chairs meeting (fall 2014). The revised draft SPESS would then go to the committees for review and comment. While discussing the Safety Standards development process, TRANSSC Chairs identified the significant delay in IAEA publication of the transport Advisory Material (SSG-26). The CSS directed TRANSSC to prepare the implementing Safety Guide, SSG-26, in parallel with the revision of the regulations, SSR-6, which TRANSSC did in a two year period, completing all the actions in March 2012. Now over two years later, TRANSSC and the transport community are still waiting for IAEA to publish the Safety Guide. The TRANSSC Chairs identified this issue to the CSS and in a separate meeting with the DDG Denis Flory.
  4. **SPESS C Annex on Safety/Security Interface** - the Secretariat drafted guidance for IAEA safety and security staff to follow in identifying and addressing safety and security interface in the development of safety standards and security series documents. The four Safety Standards Chairs and four NSGC members were asked to review and provide comments on the draft. The Secretariat consolidated comments and issued the Annex to SPESS C for Secretariat use.
the first week of April 2014. The Chairs had much discussion on the interim nature of this guidance noting the IAEA’s further consideration of the long term vision on interface and integration safety and security. The draft SPESS C Annex is a good first start. The Secretariat’s plans are to present the draft Annex to the five committees this summer and revise as appropriate.

5. Progress on the IT Platform – Dominique Delattre provided a brief overview of a presentation he will provide CSS on the Secretariat’s work to develop an IT system for managing the Safety Standard program. The new system should hopefully simplify the process for identifying relationships/common topics and issues across all safety standards, preparing addenda on common topics in multiple standards at the same time, reviewing and addressing comments, and making approved electronic revisions broadly available in a very timely manner.

6. Review-Revision in Light of Fukushima – Dominique Delattre provided an update for DS462, proposed revision by addenda of multiple Safety Standards based on insights/lessons learned from Fukushima. DS462 has been posted for all the Committees to review and is on the TRANSSC 28 agenda for TRANSSC review and approval. Anticipating the Committees’ approval, DS462 should be on the fall CSS agenda for CSS review and endorsement.

7. Russia Proposal at RASSC/WASSC on Safety Standards – the Secretariat reported on a proposal from Russia to develop guidance on handling contaminated non-food commodities. RASSC and WASSC are to consider the proposal at the June meetings. The Secretariat offered a view that perhaps a TECDOC may be a more appropriate document to identify or list the applicable IAEA Safety Requirements and Safety Guides, rather than developing a new guide. TRANSSC will also be involved with regard to transport of such items, and should expect more engagement following the RASSC/WASSC deliberation.

8. OIOS Review of the Intermediate Committee Structure - the CSS/ADSEC report on safety and security interface recommended the current interim structure of the newly formed NSGC and the Interface Group. The CSS/ADSEC report recommended an evaluation of the interim structure after about three years, and envisioned a long term goal of a new expanded CSSS (3rd S for security) and newly formed committees with both safety and security responsibility. OIOS will be starting their review in the near future and interviewed some of the Committee Chairs. OIOS plans to complete their review and report by the end of this year.

9. Application for Observer Status by Tantalum-Niobium International Study Center - the Chairs reviewed and approved the application by the TIC for observer status at TRANSSC meetings. TIC is an international association that represents organizations involved in mining and transport of NORM materials.