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NPCC RSC Triage Process for Standards Related Matters

Objective: The NPCC RSC Triage Process is intended to be used to clearly identify the process that NPCC will utilize to evaluate continent-wide, regional standards and related matters. It is meant to ensure consistency, and that the proper resources are employed to review the technical subject matter and the proper policy level in order to ensure a sufficient review is done.

- 1) The Triage process will begin upon NPCC becoming aware of continent-wide or regional (NPCC, FRCC, etc.) standards related activity.
- 2) Because of the variability of deadlines for standards related activities, the NSS will develop a timeline for each activity to meet externally imposed “due dates”.
- 3) NPCC Standards Staff (NSS) reviews the activity and determines the subject matter expertise required for the review.
- 4) NSS will solicit the appropriate NPCC Staff for an internal review and compile any NPCC Staff recommendations.
- 5) NSS will forward to the RSC Executive Committee (EXCom) the notification of the standards activity, NPCC Staff recommendations, potential affected entities, and suggest the Subject Matter Experts “SME”/ Task Force “TF”(s) required to perform an evaluation.
- 6) EXCom reviews the notification and the NSS recommendation for SME review and appropriately accepts, rejects or modifies (including an alternate course of action) the recommendation.
- 7) NSS will make a formal request to the SME (TF) (copying the RCC) for review and comment and clearly indicate the analysis required and the recommended response type-- i.e. ballot recommendation, comment, opinion on a field test result, white paper opinion, etc., as well as a date by which the review must be completed. The TF or WG to which the analysis and review has been delegated to will respond to the NSS by the date indicated in the request.
- 8) NSS will also, and as necessary depending on the issue, discuss with the RSC the initiation of the Cost Effectiveness review procedure.
- 9) NSS will then compile all the information from the SME TF, NPCC Staff internal recommendations and any Cost Effectiveness information available and review for major issues and items or requirements that should prevent the activity from being continued.
- 10) NSS will then submit the information gathered to the RSC for their review and consensus.
- 11) Any RSC member, alternate, NPCC Staff (refer to Step 4 above), or member of the NSS may initiate a teleconference request to resolve or discuss outstanding concerns.
- 12) As necessary any remaining concerns will be brought to the SME/TF for resolution.
- 13) Upon the conclusion of RSC discussions, and either consensus or confirmation of outstanding issues, NSS will respond to the notification as required by either submission of comment,

making a ballot recommendation to the membership of NPCC, or notifying the members of the issues that exist that preclude a consensus position.

- 14) Documentation of the final response and supporting materials will be posted in the appropriate location on the NPCC Website.

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