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**OFFICE OF THE STATE FIRE MARSHAL  
Flame Retardant Advisory Committee  
Meeting Minutes  
January 19, 2012**

**COMMITTEE GOAL**

To provide a means of communications between the Office of the State Fire Marshal (OSFM), representatives of industry, the public and the fire service; and to seek comments and specific views on proposed regulations and intended future action.

**SFM STAFF**

Ben Ho, Fire Engineering Division Chief  
Anthony Guevara, Deputy State Fire Marshal III Supervisor  
Jason DeWitt, Chair  
Vikkie Raby, Assistant Program Coordinator  
Glenn Tong, Program Consultant  
Diane Arend, Regulations Advisor

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Amber Anderson, Cosumnes Community Services District  
\*Ellen Atkins, Delta Pacific Technologies, Flame Retardant/Flameproofing  
\*Kathy Newman, Firetect Flame Retardants  
\*Pedro Vega, Dazian Fabrics  
\*Michael Lantier, City of Napa Fire Department  
\*Joe McNally, Mountain View Christmas Tree Farm  
\*Benjamin Bagwell, Glen Raven – Custom Fabrics  
\*Wendy Holt, Contract Services Administration Trust Fund

**MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Chris Bowness, QAI Laboratories  
Bobby Puett, Diversified Testing Laboratories  
Jonathan Curtsinger, Fabric Flameproofing  
Rhonda Byrne, QAI Laboratories

**GUESTS**

\*John Gant, Glen Raven  
\*Christine M. Malmgren  
Julie Case, Industrial Fabrics Association International.

\* Via Conference Call

**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER**

Meeting was called to order by Chairperson Jason Dewitt at 10:00 A.M., on Thursday, January 19, 2012.

**ROLL CALL AND INTRODUCTIONS**

A round table roll call was taken and it was determined that a quorum of members were present.

**APPROVAL OF MINTUES**

The minutes for the meeting on November 3, 2011 minutes, were distributed to the group for review. A motion was made by Mike Lantier to approve the minutes; Amber Anderson seconded the motion. Jason Dewitt called for a vote; all were in favor and none opposed. The minutes for November 3, 2011 were approved.

**OLD BUSINESS****Article 8. Flameproofing Certification, Labeling and Installation**

The group discussed the changes to Article 8. It was decided to review each section individually as opposed to the document as a whole. The comments are as follows:

Section 1320—no comments

Section 1323—discussion tabled

John Gant felt this section should be held until such time as his chimney effect videos can be presented to the group and reviewed.

Section 1325—John Gant felt section (e) would not apply to IFR that has passed the weathering test and suggested that be specified. Jason DeWitt and Glenn Tong pointed out that the exception for that section covered the weathering specification.

Section 1326—no comments

Section 1327—no comments

Section 1328—Benjamin Bagwell takes issue with the statement “additional tests as deemed necessary”. Amber Anderson clarified that indicates the AHJ can [http://osfm.fire.ca.gov/advisorycommittees/advisorycommittees\\_frac.php](http://osfm.fire.ca.gov/advisorycommittees/advisorycommittees_frac.php) conduct field tests if they have concerns that the material was not installed in the same manner it was tested and approved for. Wendy Holt asked how often the fabric failed the field test when it is found to have been installed incorrectly. Mike Lantier admitted it is a small amount that actually fails during the field test but fire service still feels it is important to have that option.

Jason Dewitt called for a motion to approve Article 8 as written (with the exception of Section 1323). Not recorded who made the motion, seconded by Amber Anderson. Jason Dewitt called for a vote; 7 in favor, 1 opposed. The motion to approve Article 8 as written was carried by majority vote.

## Certificate of Flame Resistance

The group discussed the proposed changes to the Certificate of Flame Resistance. Jason DeWitt shared the draft document with the group. The OSFM proposed removing the word "fabric" from the certificate and making the certificate for the application of approved chemicals by approved applicators only, which was the original intent of the document. Amber Anderson indicated that fire service is used to looking for the certificate to prove the fabric used is approved by the OSFM. As a solution to that, the OSFM will be creating new certificates that will specify FABRIC or CHEMICAL for proof of registration with the office. JD will present the proposed new FABRIC and CHEMICAL certifications at the next meeting.

Jason Dewitt called for a motion to approve the move to make two separate forms. Not recorded who made the motion, seconded by Mike Lantier. Jason Dewitt called for a vote; all were in favor and none opposed. The motion to approve to make two separate forms was carried.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

There was no new business to discuss.

## **OPEN FORUM**

Mike Lantier asked the group for input as the alternative for NFPA 701 for foreign fabrics with no California registration or approval. Jason DeWitt's suggestion was to perform a field test or have an approved applicator come out to apply an approved chemical so the fabric meets California requirements.

Jason DeWitt thanked the committee for their passion and commitment to the committee goals.

## **NEXT MEETING**

The next teleconference was scheduled for Tuesday, March 6, 2012 at 10:00 A.M. The meeting adjourned at 11:24 A.M.