

# Agenda

NFPA Technical Committee on Liquefied Natural Gas  
American Bureau of Shipping  
Houston, Texas

February 2 and 3, 2010

## 0. Administrative

**A. Meeting Schedule.** The Committee will meet at the American Bureau of Shipping, 16855 Northchase Drive, Houston Texas, on Tuesday, and Wednesday February 2 and 3. Meeting schedule:

Tuesday February 2: 8:30 PM to 3:00 PM  
Wednesday, February 3: 8:30 AM to 5:00 PM

Rooms are available at the Hilton Houston North, at the ABS rate of \$ 115.00 per night. Information on reserving rooms has been sent separately.

**Please plan to spend 2 full days at the meeting, as we do not anticipate finishing before 5:00 PM on the second day.**

**B. Proposals.** A total of 178 public proposals were received prior to the closing date, and are being sent to you. This is a large number, but 131 were submitted by the American Gas Association, many of which are of an editorial nature. A task force will be appointed to make recommendations on grouping these to expedite action on them.

**C. Committee Membership.** Since the last meeting the followings

New member added:

Kenneth Smith, U.S. Coast Guard, alt to Mr. Felleisen.

Fillippo Gavelli resigned due to a change of employment. He has applied to rejoin the committee.

**D. Minutes of the last meeting.**

## 1. NFPA 59A Document Status:

**A. NFPA 59A Schedule** The next edition of NFPA 59A will carry a 2012 date. Key cycle dates following the meeting are:

- Mail Ballot on Proposals: 3/19/10, or earlier

- Mailing of the ROP: 6/25/10
- Comment Closing Date: 9/3/10
- Meeting on Comments: 11/5/10, or earlier  
(Note: If possible, the meeting will be held in conjunction with a meeting of the NFPA 58 committee)
- Mail Ballots on Comments: 11/19/10, or earlier
- Mailing of the ROC: 2/25/11
- Notice of intent to make a motion (NITMAN): 4/8/11

## **B. Reminder of new NFPA meeting procedure**

As NFPA 59A is in the Annual Meeting, 2011 cycle, anyone who wishes to propose an amendment to the Committee's after the Report on Proposals and Report on Comments have been published can file a notice of intent to make such a motion (NITMAM).

- If no notices are received, the document will be issued on 5/31/11 Standards Council meeting the document will be available in approximately August 2011.
- If a notice is received, approval of the document discussed at NFPA Meeting in June 2011, where the motion will be heard. If this occurs, the 2011 edition of NFPA 59 will be available in approximately September 2011.

## **2. Action on Proposals.**

The committee must act on all public proposals, and can add committee proposals. The proposals will be sent separately. Allowable motions are:

1. Accepting the Proposal.
2. Rejecting the Proposal.
3. Accepting the Proposal in principle but with changes in the proposed wording.
4. Accepting the Proposal in part.
5. Accepting the Proposal in principle in part but with changes in the proposed wording of the part accepted.

Proposal Task forces:

- The committee must take specific action to update reference standards. The chair will appoint a task force to make recommendations on updates.
- A large number of proposals have been received from the American Gas Association, and many of these are corrections and correlations. The chair will appoint a task force to make recommendations on these.

Members are encouraged to discuss proposals and should come to the meeting with a recommended action and reason, if other than to accept.

The results of the meeting, after confirmation by letter ballot will be published as the Committee's Report on Proposals by June 25, 2010.

**2. Intent of 7.9.2.** Staff received a request for interpretation of 7.9.2, asking if it was the intent of the paragraph to prohibit the use of a flare to burn any discharges from pressure relief valves. The committee may wish to review this subject.

Paragraph 7.9.2 states:

7.9 Relief Devices.

7.9.2 Relief devices shall communicate directly with the atmosphere.

Other requirements that appear to have similar requirements are:

6.5 Process Equipment.

6.5.6.1 Boil-off and flash gases shall discharge into the atmosphere so that they do not create a hazard to people, equipment, or adjacent properties, or into a closed system.

7.9.4 Each pressure and vacuum safety relief valve for LNG containers shall be able to be isolated from the container for maintenance or other purposes by means of a manual full-opening stop valve.

(E) Safety relief valve discharge stacks or vents shall be designed and installed to prevent an accumulation of water, ice, snow, or other foreign matter and shall discharge vertically upward.

13.15 Container Instrumentation.

13.15.8 Safety relief valve discharge stacks or vents shall be designed and installed to prevent an accumulation of water, ice, snow, or other foreign matter and, if arranged to discharge directly into the atmosphere, shall discharge vertically upward.

### **3. Time and place of the next meeting:**

The next meeting will address any comments received on the Report on Proposals. It must be held between the comment closing date, September 3, 2010 and November 5, 2010.