Technical Committee on Electrical Equipment in Chemical Atmospheres

ROC Minutes for NFPA 497 & 499

Intertek Testing Services

Plano, TX

March 22 – 24, 2011

I. Attendance: Principal Members:
   James Stallcup, Sr. – Grayboy, Inc., TX – Chair
   Donald Ankele, Underwriters Laboratories Inc., IL
   Babanna Biradar – Bechtel Corporation, TX (On Conference call/Live Meeting)
   Frank C. DeFelice, Jr. – Cytec Industries, Inc., CT
   Matt Egloff – Montana Tech, Univ. of Montana, MT (On Conference call/Live Meeting)
   William T. Fiske – Intertek Testing Services, NY
   William G. Lawrence, Jr. – FM Global, MA
   Timothy J. Myers – Exponent, Inc., MA (On Conference call/Live Meeting)
   Ryan Parks – Alt., Intertek Testing Services, TX
   Sam Rodgers – Alt., Honeywell Inc., VA
   Sonny Sengupta – FMC Corporation, NJ (On Conference call/Live Meeting)
   James Stallcup, Jr. – Alt., Grayboy, Inc., TX
   Erdem A. Ural – Loss Prevention Science & Technologies, Inc., MA (On Conference call/Live Meeting)
   Jack H. Zewe – Electrical Consultants Inc., LA (On Conference call/Live Meeting)

Members without Alternates Present:
   Mark Driscoll – XL Global Asset Protection Services, MA
   Robert Malanga – Fire and Risk Engineering, NJ
   Joseph V. Saverino – Air Products & Chemicals, Inc., PA
   Rodolfo N. Sierra – U.S. Coast Guard, DC

NFPA Staff: Martha H. Curtis – NFPA Staff Liaison, MA

II. Minutes of Meeting:
1. Call to order. The Chair called the meeting to order at 9:20 AM on March 22, 2011.
2. Introduction. Self-Introduction of Committee Members and Guests
3. Chair and Staff Liaison Remarks: The Chair welcomed all attendees, including those participating on the Conference call with Live Meeting (once the Live Meeting portion of the meeting was operational). The Chair had no remarks other than to note the purpose for the meeting – to prepare the ROC for both NFPA 497 and 499.
4. Technical Committee Update: The Committee was shown a PowerPoint Presentation containing the essential dates for F2011 cycle and specific information related to the processing of the Public Comment actions for the Report on Comments (ROC). A total of 8 Public Comments were submitted to NFPA 497 and a total of 16 Public Comments were submitted to NFPA 499.
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5. Approval of Minutes from previous meeting. The minutes from the NFPA 497 and 499 ROP meeting held August 24 – 26, 2010 in Norwood, MA have not been finalized so are not available to be approved at this meeting. They will be provided for the Committee’s review and approval at a later date.

6. Review of F2011 Revision Cycle. The schedule for NFPA 497 and 499 is Fall 2011 and the key milestones are shown in the attached schedule.

7. Committee Correspondence. No action was taken on this agenda item.

8. Act on Public Comments to NFPA 497. The Committee completed action on 8 Public Comments and no Committee Comments were developed or approved for NFPA 497. The Committee’s action on these comments will be finalized in their letter ballot submitted separately.

9. Act on Public Comments to NFPA 499. The Committee completed action on 16 Public Comments and approved 1 Committee Comment for NFPA 499. The Committee’s action on these comments will be finalized in their letter ballot submitted separately.

10. Old Business. No action was taken on this agenda item.

11. New Business. The Committee reviewed draft proposals developed for NFPA 496 by the task group. Bill Fiske led the task group and discussed the proposals intended to be submitted for the next revision of NFPA 496 (F2012 revision cycle also shown as an attachment to the minutes). The Proposal Closing Date for the F2012 cycle is May 23, 2011. The Committee also discussed date and location for its next meeting, which is the ROP meeting for NFPA 496. The Committee proposed meeting August 23 – 24, 2011 in Baltimore, MD. Staff will submit a request for the meeting and notify the Committee once details for the hotel have been finalized.


Respectfully submitted,

Guy R. Colonna (on behalf of Martha Curtis)

Staff Liaison to the TC on Electrical Equipment in Chemical Atmospheres

4 year cycle
(Previous revision cycles: F2007; A2004; and A1997)

Proposal Closing Date: May 28, 2010

NFPA 497/499 ROP Mtg. (Norwood, MA): Before Aug. 27, 2010
(August 24 – 26, 2010)
ROPs published and posted: Dec. 22, 2010

Comment Closing Date:

March 4, 2011

NFPA 497/499ROC Mtg. (Plano, TX): Before May 6, 2011
(March 22 – 24, 2011)
ROCs published and posted: August 26, 2011
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Notice of Intent to Make Motion closing: Oct. 21, 2011


NFPA Assn. Meeting (Docs w/NITMAMs): June 11 – 14, 2012 (Location: Las Vegas, NV)

Issuance of new std. (Docs w/NITMAMs): August 9, 2012

NFPA 496 Revision Cycle: Fall 2012 (2013 edition)
5 year cycle
(Previous revision cycles: F2007; A2003; and A1998)

Proposal Closing Date: May 23, 2011

(August 23 – 24, 2011)

ROPs published and posted: Dec. 23, 2011

Comment Closing Date: March 3, 2012

NFPA 496 ROC Mtg. (Location TBD): Before May 4, 2012

ROCs published and posted: August 24, 2012

Notice of Intent to Make Motion closing: Oct. 5, 2012

Standards Council Issuance of Consent Docs: Nov. 27, 2012

NFPA Assn. Meeting (Docs w/NITMAMs): June 10 – 13, 2013 (Location: Chicago, IL)

Issuance of new std. (Docs w/NITMAMs): August 1, 2013