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PANEL SESSION 39 – Energy Facility Contractors Group

Co-Chairs: John Longenecker, *Longenecker & Associates, Inc.*;

Pamela Horning, *B&W Technical Series Group (USA)*

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Panelists included:

1. Pam Horning, *Babcock and Wilcox Technical Services Group (USA)*;
2. Joe Yanek, *Fluor Corporation (USA)*;
3. Bob Miklos, *Idaho National Laboratory (USA)*;
4. William Morrison, *EnergySolutions (USA)*;
5. Camilla Lopez, *Los Alamos National Laboratory (USA)*;
6. Norm Barker, *EnergySolutions (USA)*;
7. Charles Kronvall, *CH2MHill Plateau Remediation Company (USA)*.

Some 40 people were present to hear this session. Following introductions by the Chair, **Pam Horning**, she provided as the Chair of the EFCOG Board of Directors an overview of the EFCOG. She provided background information on the EFCOG organization such as organization structure and history, on the development of best practices, on recent achievements and future plans of the various Working Groups within EFCOG, and the future of EFCOG. Her presentation was supported by her EFCOG Vice-Chair, **Joe Yanek**. Five panelists then followed Pam and Joe by addressing some key initiatives from their respective Working Groups.

Bob Miklos described the efforts of the Project Management Working Group in supporting DOE in its revision of DOE Order 413.3A, Program and Project Management for the Acquisition of Capital Assets, and of the Project Reporting and Assessment System (PARS), and in its activities devoted to putting in place corrective actions to address findings from DOE's root cause analyses of poor performance of projects and contracts. In addition, he addressed the results of the survey EFCOG conducted on the methods and successes in the certification of project managers.

William Morrison described his Waste Management Working Group's efforts in identifying waste generation volumes and disposition paths for radioactive waste generated as a result of cleanup activities funded by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act. He also addressed how his Working Group was partnering with DOE in its conduct of the complex-wide review of DOE sites' implementation of the DOE Order 435.1, Radioactive Waste Management Order, and the subsequent revision/update of DOE Order 435.1.

Camilla Lopez provided an overview of the Contractor Assurance Working Group's efforts to develop a methodology for the identification and application of leading indicators to improve contractor performance and oversight. She also described the Working Group's efforts on guidance development for contractor assurance system certification for contractors.

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Norm Barker presented for his Integrated Safety Management and Quality Assurance Working Group's efforts on the safety culture project, including the outcome of the pilots run at various DOE (and NNSA) sites to determine a consensus set of principles and implementation practices (and associated attributes) that would take worker safety to a higher level. He also described the ongoing quality assurance initiative with both NNSA and Environmental Management, with a focus on work control and work control improvements.

Charles Kronvall of the Engineering Practices Working Group then presented his Working Group's efforts to support DOE in implementing the appropriate actions in response to the DNFSB Recommendation 2008-1 on Fire Protection. He also described the Pressure Safety Task Team, a subset of the Working Group, and its initiatives on development of a standard and implementation guide on pressure safety in the workplace. Finally, he presented lessons learned on the implementation of the DOE Standard 1189, Integration of Safety into the Design Process.

There were no discernable questions from the audience following the panelists' presentations.