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**MIOsha General Industry Safety Standard
GI Part 74 Fire Fighting Advisory Committee Meeting**

**December 15, 2010, 1:00 P.M.
MIOsha Management and Technical Services Division Laboratory
7707 Rickle Street, Lansing**

MEETING MINUTES

ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Brian Blomstrom Greenville Dept. of Public Safety
Richard Clark Grand Rapids Fire Dept. & Michigan Professional Fire Fighters Union
Frederick Cowper Meridian Twp. Fire Dept.
Joseph Grutza MI DELEG Bureau of Fire Services
Eva Hatt Retired MIOsha General Industry Safety & Health Manager
Richard Mahaney Mahaney Loss Prevention Services
James Rose Michigan State Firemen’s Assoc.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT:

Rodney Bovensiep City of Troy Fire Dept.
Michael Brink City of Madison Heights Fire Dept.
Keith Crawford City of Flint Fire Dept.
Daniel Dawe West Bloomfield Fire Dept. & Michigan Professional Fire Fighters Union
Patrick DuVall Plainfield Fire Dept.

MIOsha STAFF PRESENT:

Debbie Merryfield Standards Section
Lee J. Kueppers Consultation, Education, and Training Division
Robin Spaulding General Industry Safety & Health Division

VISITORS:

David Purchase Michigan Association of Fire Chiefs
Paul Hufnagel Michigan Professional Fire Fighters Union
Don Johnson DNRE – Forest Management Division

Agenda Item #1. Call to Order

The December 15, 2010 GI Part 74 Fire Fighting advisory committee meeting was called to order by Standards Facilitator Debbie Merryfield. Ms. Merryfield welcomed everyone and introduced the new advisory committee member, Mr. Richard Clark. All committee members and guests introduced themselves. A quorum of advisory committee members was present.

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Agenda Item #2 Election of Co-Chairpersons

Mr. Richard Clark nominated Mr. Daniel Dawe to serve as the labor representative co-chair. Mr. Dawe was not present to accept the nomination, however Mr. Clark had spoken with Mr. Dawe prior to the meeting and Mr. Dawe intends to accept the nomination. No further nominations were made for labor representative co-chair.

Mr. James Rose nominated himself to serve as the management representative co-chair and was supported by Mr. Fredrick Cowper. Mr. Rose was willing accept the responsibility. **MOTION CARRIED BY CONSENSUS AGREEMENT.**

Agenda Item #3. Review of October 19, 2010 Minutes

The advisory committee agreed to the minutes as written. A motion was made by Mr. Brian Blomstrom and seconded by Mr. Richard Mahaney to accept the minutes as written. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Agenda Item #4 Continue Review of GI Part 74

- a. Allow representatives from the Michigan Association of Fire Chiefs and Michigan Professional Fire Fighters Union to clarify what specific concerns these groups have with the current standard.**

Mr. Paul Hufnagel from the International Association of Fire Fighters and formerly of the Michigan Professional Fire Fighters Union readdressed concerns he originally brought to the General Industry Safety Standards Commission in his April 10, 2007 letter. Mr. Hufnagel stated that the NFPA standards referenced in Part 74 need to be updated to current editions.

Mr. Dave Purchase from the Michigan Association of Fire Chiefs readdressed concerns he originally brought to the General Industry Safety Standards Commission in his March 15, 2007 letter. Mr. Purchase requested several changes and left a copy of Part 74 with his requested changes that Ms. Merryfield will scan and distribute to committee members.

- b. Discuss suggestions made in November 15, 2010 email sent by Advisory Committee member Richard Mahaney.**

Mr. Mahaney clarified and restated concerns and suggestions made in his November 15, 2010 email to the committee.

- c. Discuss option of sub-groups to compare current and referenced versions of NFPA standards.**

Mr. Clark stated that staff at the International Association of Fire Fighters would be willing to compare current editions of NFPA standards to the editions of NFPA standards referenced in Part 74. Mr. Clark will bring the comparisons to the January 19, 2011 advisory committee meeting.

Agenda Item #5 Next Meeting Date

The next meeting is scheduled for **Wednesday, January 19, 2011 beginning at 1 p.m.** and will be held at the **General Office Building in Conference Room G.**

Chairperson Rose asked all members to review Rules 7401, 7402, 7403, and 7404 and bring comments and suggestions to the next meeting.

Agenda Item #6 Public Comment

Visitor Mr. Don Johnson from the DNRE Forest Management Section asked if the committee was considering wrapping wild land fire into Part 74. He asked to be contacted if the committee began discussion on including wild land fire in Part 74 at a future meeting.

Agenda Item #7 Adjournment

With no further business before the advisory committee, the meeting was adjourned.