**NSC Technical Subcommittee Call Minutes – August 16, 2016**

**Zoom meeting:** <https://ksu.zoom.us/j/7854529456>

Tech-Subcommittee: View the recorded webinar at: <https://nationalsbeap.org/sbeap/resources/subcommittees/technical>

**Participation [by regions]:**

1: Sara Johnson – NH

3: Jeremy Hancher, Carrie Wintersteen, Lee Ann Briggs & Nancy Herb – PA

4: Lynn Scearce – FL, Tony Pendola – NC; Melissa Collier & Taaka Scott-Bailey – MS; Teresa Shiflett, Mary Talukder – GA and Donavan Grimwood - TN

5: Hien Le & Aneka Swanson – MN; Jenifer Dixon – MI; Lisa Ashenbrenner, Renee Bashel & Jennifer Hamill - WI; Todd Nein – OH and Tammy Haug & Mark Stoddard - IN

6: Sandy Spon – NM

7: Barb Goode, Nancy Larson & Larey Sadiq – KS

8: John Podolinsky - MT

9: Mark Hubbard – AZ, Jenna Latt – CA and Genevieve Salmonson – HI

10: Margee Chambers - WA

**July minutes:** approved as is

**Tips & Tricks for Wading through the Code of Federal Rules and Federal Registers**

Renee Bashel, Barb Good & Tony Pendola

**Renee**

* Copy and paste rule into a Word file; record date of download, since may be multiple updates
  + Color coding or highlighting
  + Identify segments of a regulation such as notifications, work practice standards, compliance standards and emission limits
  + Easier to find key segments again
  + Easier to compile into a fact sheet or compliance guide for mailing and/or posting
* Identify what has changed
* Extract key text and sort into table with summaries
  + Separate to segregate segment
  + Sort into tables
  + Compliance requirements
  + Compliance dates
  + Standards/limitations
* Process can take a couple days to a week to go through a rule
  + spend less time on a proposed rule since it will change, unless you will be submitting comments
  + Determine how many small businesses will be affected in your state, may choose to go more or less in-depth depending on the number
* Sign up to receive information on rule changes:
  + Office of the Federal Register [fedreg@listserv1.access.gpo.gov](mailto:fedreg@listserv1.access.gpo.gov)
  + The FEDREGTOC-L list is hosted by the U.S. Government Publishing Office. To view an online archive of previous Federal Register issues, please visit the Federal Register <https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/browse/collection.action?collectionCode=FR>
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* Example spreadsheets will be included in the e-mail distributing the draft minutes and posted with the minutes

**Barb**

* Saving a Federal Register as a PDF using Adobe Pro
  + Right click / print / save as PDF
  + Advantages: can highlight and scratch out section and add comments, will display date document was downloaded, hyperlinks stay active (unlike in Word)
  + Disadvantages: not as easy to cut and paste as in Word

**Tony**

* Doesn’t take much time to become familiar with a rule, set a couple of hours aside to summarize, worth the time if a lot of small businesses will be affected
* Text trumps all – what is in the regulation counts not factsheets or FAQ, may find undiscovered loopholes
* Getting started
  + Read the fact sheet first
  + Read the summary in the Federal Register
  + Read the preamble – does it apply to me?
  + Read the applicability section
  + The Federal Register often includes questions & answers
  + Discover what is excluded directly or indirectly (review definitions)
  + What other tools or resources are already available?
  + What kind of tools would help?
* **Create a summary**
  + Eliminate extraneous words
  + Use abbreviations
  + Exclude parts not relevant to a small business
* **Excerpting from ECFR to a Word or Adobe Acrobat document – incorporate cross references (internal and external hyperlinks)**

**Other resources or suggestions:**

* **EPAFR forum -** [**http://lists.epa.gov/read/all\_forums/**](http://lists.epa.gov/read/all_forums/)**;** subscription option with an e-mail to assist with confirming membership
* **EPA’s EDI very helpful –** shows response to letters, etc.
* **Cornell Law website –** can copy the rule with cross-references linked

**Next Call:**

September 20, 2016

2-3pm EST (3rd Tuesday of month)

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