

**BIFMA Sustainability Assessment Standard
Work Group One- Human and Ecosystem Health
Conference Call
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Attendees:

Jaclyn Bowen- <i>NSF International</i>	Laura Rauwerda- <i>State of Michigan DEQ</i>
Clinton Boyd- <i>Sustainable Research Group</i>	Scott Steady- <i>Air Quality Sciences, Inc</i>
Randy Carter- <i>Steelcase Inc.</i>	Toni Stein- <i>DHS</i>
Dick Driscoll- <i>BIFMA</i>	Sharmin Syed- <i>USEPA</i>
Matt Ernest- <i>Interface Fabrics</i>	Ben Taube- <i>GREENGUARD</i>
Peggy Jenkins- <i>CA Air Resources Board</i>	Denise Van Valkenburg- <i>Steelcase</i>
Catherine Manza- <i>USEPA</i>	Jane Wilson- <i>NSF International</i>
	Gabe Wing- <i>Herman Miller</i>

Jaclyn Bowen called the meeting to order, took roll call, and read the NSF Anti-trust statement.

Denise Van Valkenburg thanked everyone for participating. Denise stated that the purpose of this call was to take the master document and begin incorporating the information generated to date from this task group.

The task group discussed requirements and the need for base level compliance. They discussed how to handle organizations with a history of violations. Should these types of organizations be prohibited from being certified as sustainable? Denise stated that she would try to draft some language to this effect. The task group discussed where and how to draw the line between compliance and non-compliance. Gabe Wing suggested setting the bar at the legal limit in accordance with OSHA regulations.

The task group next discussed the dynamics of environmental justice. The task group agreed that it is a theoretical concept that should fall under the purview of the Social Responsibility task group. Group consensus was it is an important concept, however it should not be considered a prerequisite, as it seems over and beyond standard operating procedures.

The task group next reviewed the EMS criteria. Denise stated that it was necessary to identify the key elements of the EMS criteria and reduce the list so it is not so overwhelming.

Jane Wilson discussed her action item of removing the references to third party certification from the proposed language.

The subtask group on emissions gave an update and discussed a draft rational for determining furniture emissions compounds of interest. The group recognized the need to consult with outside parties to facilitate translating qualitative data to quantitative criteria.

Denise stated that it was necessary for all members of the task group to review Clinton Boyd's proposed list of target product and process chemicals and identify those that apply to this particular industry. Note: this list is more comprehensive than the emissions list which is a subset of the overall list.

Denise stated that she would clean up the language and look to circulate it by Friday September 8, 2006.