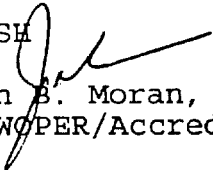


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MEMORANDUM

TO: ACCSH 

FROM: John B. Moran, Chair
HAZWOPER/Accreditation Work Group.

SUBJECT: Work Group Report/Recommendations.

DATE: 8 December 1994

The HAZWOPER/Accreditation Work Group met on the afternoon of 8 December 1994. Members Webster and Moran were present in addition to ACCSH Members Rhoten, Osario and Paul.

Moran reviewed the activities of the companion Work Group of the previous ACCSH Committee and the recommendations, based upon the report of that Work Group, that were adopted by the Committee and submitted to OSHA. OSHA's response to those recommendations were reviewed, to wit:

1. OSHA, after substantial delay, issued a non-mandatory appendix to 29 CFR 1910.120 as Appendix E.
2. OSHA placed issuance of the final 29 CFR 1910.121 Accreditation standard on the regulatory calendar for submission to the Assistant Secretary by September 1994. At the last meeting of the Committee, OSHA program staff indicated that this schedule had not been met and was delayed to the end of the calendar year.
3. OSHA placed issuance of a notice of proposed rulemaking covering emergency responders on the regulatory calendar for submission to the Assistant Secretary in September 1994. At the last meeting of the Committee, program staff indicated that this commitment was being re-considered and had, in essence, been removed from the regulatory calendar at that time.

The Work Group recommends that:

1. OSHA proceed with the prompt promulgation of the Accreditation Standard at 29 CFR 1910.121.
2. The Work Group conduct a public meeting for the purpose of gathering information from interested and effected parties with specific regard to their views and comments concerning a proposed standard for the accreditation of training programs for emergency

\responders.

3. Based upon the public meeting, the Work Group prepare a comprehensive report for submission to the Committee.