

Summary of SIR Subcommittee Meeting

October 24, 2017

Present: Judy Morgan, Kristin Brown, Bill Hall, Lynn Bradley

SIR #108

Participants considered SIR #108 again, and determined that it is an earlier variation of SIR #308, which is now posted for vote and has enough “approve” votes to pass. They agreed that 108 should be withdrawn and considered to be addressed with the posting of the interpretation for SIR #308. This is essentially the same as was done with SIR #230, a few months ago.

SIR Status As Created for SIR Training Course for Assessors

Jerry Parr provided Judy with a detailed spreadsheet of all SIRs, grouped by module of the standard, with a recommendation about whether the SIR and its interpretation should carry forward to the 2016 modules or if the SIR is obsolete or the approved interpretation has been completely incorporated into the relevant 2016 module. Unapproved, un-completed SIRs would necessarily carry forward to the next revision cycle.

Judy is comfortable with “carrying forward” all interpretations that are still relevant and were not completely incorporated into the standard. She also would like the interpretations for all approved SIRs to be archived in a form that is accessible to the TNI community, since the interpretation may have additional information that helps with either implementing or assessing that particular section of the standard.

Judy also acknowledged that, if any completed SIRs were not incorporated into the revised modules, they should have been and TNI needs to make stronger efforts to ensure that all completed SIRs are incorporated into the next revision of standards modules.

Regarding the spreadsheet provided by Jerry, the SIR subcommittee recommends that the individual expert committees be asked to determine whether each SIR was addressed or needs to be carried forward, with LASEC having a review and confirmation responsibility for the final product. For the future, expert committees should be required to evaluate what to do with SIRs pertaining to their modules, when revising that module. It would seem that the Standards Development SOP 2-100 is the appropriate place to document this requirement, rather than the LASEC SIR Management SOP 3-106.

The archived materials (SIRs that were incorporated/addressed) could be posted to the website in a fashion similar to the Implementation Guidance documents, or perhaps literally transformed into Implementation Guidance, and the disposition of those SIRs clearly marked as “included in the 2016 standard.”

Regarding the spreadsheet itself, it is unclear what some of the terms mean. For a SIR designated “still valid,” does that mean that it cannot be incorporated into the 2016 standard, or that it was overlooked and should be addressed in the next revision?