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STANDARDS DEVELOPMENT: BSEE PERSPECTIVE



BSEE's Interactions With Standards Development Organizations (SDO)



- BSEE plans to have more Subject Matter Experts (SMEs) in place to attend more industry meetings.
- SMEs will bring the necessary technical expertise to the meeting that is needed when representing the agency's interest.
- For the first time contractor personnel will play a role in BSEE's interaction with SDOs
- SMEs may provide comments during the development process when appropriate.



BSEE's Interactions With Standards Development Organizations (SDO) Continued



- BSEE representatives are not allowed to cast votes.
- BSEE representatives may participate in committee discussions but will not lead or focus the discussion in any particular direction
- BSEE representatives cannot make policy decisions related to the use of a standard.
- SMEs are the agency's points of contact for regulation development related to the standards development committees they participate in.



Documents Incorporated by Reference



- At the present time, BSEE incorporates over 100 technical standards into its regulatory program.
- The standards are related to equipment specifications, operating practices, equipment manufacturing, and hydrocarbon measurement.
- Currently, BSEE is working with industry on a variety of standards-related issues key to enhancing safety on the OCS.
- These include, but are not limited to, deepwater operations, Safety and Environmental Management Systems, cementing, cranes, high pressure high temperature, and safety valves.



Mandate to Develop Voluntary Consensus Standards



When consultation and participation is in the public interest and is compatible with the agency's missions, authorities, priorities, and budget resources, under the **National Technology Transfer and Advancement Act** (Pub. L.104-113) BSEE must:

- Consult with voluntary consensus standards bodies, both domestic and international; and
- Participate with such bodies in the development of voluntary consensus standards.



OMB Circular A-119 - Federal Participation in Standards Development



Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Circular A-119:

- Established policies on Federal use and development of voluntary consensus standards and on conformity assessment activities.
- Established reporting requirements.
- Authorized the National Institute of Standards and Technology to coordinate conformity assessment activities of agencies.



OMB Circular A-119 Policies



The policies of OMB Circular A-119 are intended to:

- (1) encourage federal agencies to benefit from the expertise of the private sector;
- (2) promote federal agency participation in such bodies to ensure creation of standards that are useable by federal agencies; and
- (3) reduce reliance on government-unique standards where an existing voluntary standard would suffice.





PERSPECTIVE

- Standards developed by voluntary consensus standards bodies are often appropriate for use in achieving BSEE policy objectives and in conducting federal activities, including procurement and regulation.
- Participation in the standards development process provides BSEE with information on how a specific standard should be interpreted by the agency or used to address regulatory needs.
- Participation aids in the decision-making process of whether to incorporate a standard or an updated standard into our regulations.



QUESTIONS ?

