

**Conference Call for
NTPEP REBAR PROJECT PANEL
Friday, October 17, 2003 @ 10:30 -11:30am**

Conference call confirmed attendees:

Robert “Sarc” Sarcinella (Texas), Chairman

Patti Gambill (South Carolina)

William Real (New Hampshire)

Mujeeb Basha (AASHTO)

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- 1) Review status of REBAR program
 - a) NTPEP2003, San Diego minutes. (Sarc)
 - i) 4 items from the san diego workplan. We have a rewrite of the specification in the works; will discuss the QA plan during this conference call; meggers has suggested an online approval process.
 - b) Reschedule action items and identify resources needed to complete tasks. (Sarc / Basha)
 - i) First task is DONE -- Spec has been rewritten to meet NTPEP’s language requirements concerning “approvals” or “certification”.
 - ii) Second task is IN PROGRESS – Dave Meggers and Rick Kreider (Kansas DOT) is reviewing the project work plan.
 - iii) Third task on qualification agencies: three options have been discussed with states conducting audits, or private entity conducting inspections. It was decided that one firm would conduct audits; The Project Panel would provide training and technical oversight. Costs would cover Project Panel attendees travel, as well as Project Panel out-of-state travel to attend annual and business meetings; GAMBILL: why don’t we utilize AMRL and CCRL; Sarc mentioned that SOM discussed using them, but it was stated that AMRL is a “laboratory” accreditation program, they do NOT visit materials producers; GAMBILL: CCRL has a rebar program, which Mujeeb will check up on and provide more information to the Project Panel; SARC: the money would be funneled through NTPEP to CCRL; MUJEEB: Mujeeb and Mike will prepare a RFP; MILT FLETCHER: have we approached CRSI about this program? Sarc answered that, “yes” they are supportive, however they were not interested in working with the mills for this particular qualification program; GAMBILL: have CCRL inspect labs, plus have a third party inspection service (or State DOT) to conduct the mill audit; SARC: CCRL could review quality plan according to R18, which would be a benefit

to the overall program; MUJEEB: Mujeeb and Mike will prepare and RFP, and will speak with AMRL/CCRL.

- c) Commercial testing entity ?? (Group Discussion)
 - d) New timetable for action items.
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- 2) Status of PP45 specification
 - a) Communicate with Subcommittee on Materials (Sarc / Basha)
 - i) SARC: is in communication with Roger Till (Michigan) for updates to PP45 specification. It will probably move from provisional standard to recommended standard.
 - b) TRB committee meeting (McGough / Basha)
 - i) SARC: ASTM and CRSI communities are aware of this activity. Jim Hutchinson (retired from AmeriSteel) is involved with ASTM.
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- 3) Old Business
 - a) Any comments about specification and/or workplan, they should be returned to Robert Sarcinella. SARC: Currently, Texas certifies 15 bar mills throughout the US. So, the cost savings could be very substantial for all agencies and industry combined.
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- 4) New Business
 - a) SARC: when the program is ready to “launch”, the testing labs and the mills should be prepared for the initial start date
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- 5) Set Date for Next Conference Call.
 - a) We will plan on setting another conference call in February.