

**Task Group on Processing
Teleconference
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Meeting Attendees			
Company	Name	Interest Category	Role
Walker and Zanger, Inc	Bob Buswell	General Interest	Member
NSF International	Mindy Costello	Other	Group Chair
Marble Institute of America	Garen Distelhorst	General Interest	Member
NSF International	Kianda Franklin		Member
Artistic Tile	Joshua Levinson	General Interest	Group Chair
Bridgewater Marble and Granite	Porter Little	General Interest	Member
Indiana Limestone Institute	Todd Schnatzmeyer	Industry	Member
NSF International	Jessica Slomka		Observer

Mindy Costello read attendance and the antitrust statement. Bob Buswell and Porter Little will work on the waste/reclamation and provide this to the full committee. Mindy proposed the two alternatives: point system with weighting versus yes/no questions.

Garen - HH and Safety: can use language that is in the draft as basis for writing credit language.

Processing: water recycled virtually 100% with formula for attrition for evaporation. There can be prerequisites and tiered approach. Settling and particulates are under water section. Sludge could be part of waste or reclamation section. Water could address suspended solids levels.

Todd found Energy Star EPA website for energy tracking and improvement processes. All manufacturing processes are all different, therefore there is no defacto standard but Energy star provides guidelines. The standard can refer to the Energy Star program. The question was how to incorporate this into the standard. Each company can work through the list as a guideline to document for Energy Star. They will vary from processor to processor. Todd thought that every processor should be able to meet this energy star baseline requirements. The issue was what data is being tracked for energy use.

The group talked about points - they supported the points to have different levels and prerequisites. Garen thought there were issues with the yes/no approach because of his experience with MIA.

Meeting the prerequisites, the quarry/processor can claim conformance. There was a question about what going above the minimum gets. The achievement levels are the way to show what quarry and processors are doing. The point level should be achievable/appropriate for all types and sizes. There was a question about making this more complicated for meeting all credits then as time goes on, allow for different levels.

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Transportation criteria group - looked at existing standard - EPA SmartWay. This is easy to comply and not costly to do the criteria. This could be a prerequisite and allow for equivalent programs.

Corporate Governance - Kianda proposed forced labor, child labor and discrimination as prerequisite and added optional about employee participation, injury rate, community outreach and SA 8000. There was a comment on setting levels based on a rating based on OSHA requirements. This level is used for insurance ratings and costs. There was one comment that this was misplaced in this section. This should be that the operations participate in OSHA programs. The prerequisites would apply to quarry's so key suppliers can be defined.

The formula for recordable incidents rates can be disclosed even if not in the US or Canada. The BLS keeps track of what is an acceptable level for your industry. OSHA requires this number is calculated in the US. This could be required as a comparison of the average for the industry and could be publicly disclosed.

The smaller groups should continue to work on their language and each section will present at the full committee meeting next week on their questions and concerns.