

NRCG EQUIPMENT COMMITTEE  
1<sup>ST</sup> MEETING – 10/8/02

Met with Business Committee to review issues that would be handled by new Equipment Committee, then met separately to begin committee establishment.

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Drafted Charter

Elected Chair – Richard Grady

Elected Vice-Chair – Joe Wolfekuhle

Task Group Assignments

All to give recommendation to Committee by 1<sup>st</sup> Week of 1/3/03

Committee will review and forward recommendations to Business Committee before end of February

Buses – Sue Beron & Henry Speelman

Gather info on cargo hauling, training, codes, samples of acceptable cargo restraining methods

Transports –John Christainson & Harvey Wolff

Clarification on ramps, capability to properly haul cargo ordered

Classification to cover all types of trailers, tractor alone, weight ranges

Pilot Car – use and payment method

Slip-on Engine Components – SE MT, Initial Attack

Do they meet standards for equipment, tank baffling, accessories, personnel training, fitness and testing requirements (engine boss requirement by 1/04)

Are they mounted adequately/safely

Is a separate category needed?

Restrict to local operating agreement?

***Equipment Committee will not set new standard; it is a local issue to be resolved locally***

Spill Containment Kits – Sue Beron & Richard Willoughby

Check on what is required

Is terminology correct – overflow kit, spill containment/barrier

Should rates be adjusted

How long do they last, can they be reused, who provides

Fuel trucks, pumps, generators, chainsaw – when is kit needed

Mark III kit has containment kits, helicopter contract also has spec

Can either be used

Hand Washing Stations – Joe Wulfekuhle

Spec – gather info to see if that will work for all sources

Service by contractor or government?

Recommend payment structure/range of reasonable prices

CAFS/Foam Units –

What is the real definition, cost to contractors, impact to Gov't

Are they meeting our needs

How to price/adjust rate (included in rate, or separate)

Define Metered, CAFS in clearer terms

Batch mixing – pours goop in tank - no adjustment

Metered = control amount, makes the ground white, no batch mixing – 5%

adjustment is fine

CAFS = Cost is \$10-20,000 per unit – some are being adjusted by

negotiation

Assure it works during inspection  
Verify operator can use

Very few fires actually use CAFS; primary need is for structural protection and private contractors should not be assigned to task due lack training and experience; jurisdictions responsible should do structure protection

***Committee recommends – straight 5% adjustment to unoperated rate for foam units (no distinction of type)***

Fuel Trucks – Kevin Erickson

Less than full operational period service  
Very few available that can provide  
Insurance, licensing, spill, metering

Gray Water Trucks – Henry Speelman

Operational period, rates, disposal  
Impacts – bladders don't hold enough, disposal sites are not handy or fees vary from companies normal site fee, wear & tear, number of hours operator works, who verifies where dump is done/can be done, operator hours are long – book rate doesn't cover overtime

Recommendations on number of trucks that should be used on incident  
(coordinate/advise logistics)

ATV – Kevin Erickson

Specs, commercial rates to compare, sample agreements, safety use & training

Portie-Potties – Harvey Speelman (specs); Sue Beron (rates/standard sign-up)

MISC - Future Topics

Clarify what regulations state, local, and federal have to comply with (DOT inspections, CDL; permits, etc) or at least clarify what we will and will not do

Inspector Workshop

Schedule in March  
Missoula  
Who organizes – i.e. schedule, notices, etc

Weed Free – Notice on resource order; when is wash required; how can we accomplish; rate recommendation, specs, barrier types, recommended areas to set up (i.e. before entering fire area or at camp)

Problem is more mobilization of equipment than demobilization

Water truck/water tender = can we eliminate?

Problem with elimination is some water truck operators cannot pass fitness test

Tactical use/not tactical  
Often equipment is signed up both ways & used as tender while on assignment  
without change to RO  
Sue will talk to Operation Committee Chair to find out what the resistance is

Compliment list review

Next meeting is 1<sup>st</sup> week of December – in Billings  
Based on duty station of committee members, Billings seems the most central –  
especially for winter travel.