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**Report of SC-2 activities by Ric Tell
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Subcommittee 2 held a successful, two-day working meeting on January 30 and 31 in Salt Lake City, Utah. Bob Curtis with OSHA hosted the meeting at the OSHA Salt Lake Technical Center. A total of twelve attendees, including the chairman, participated in the meeting. An outcome of the meeting was the substantial revision of an existing draft Recommended Practice for Developing RF Safety Programs. A significant attribute of the new draft is the description of a method for categorizing RF exposure conditions into one of five categories. Based on the categorization, the document then provides guidance on which of a wide range of program elements, with emphasis on exposure control measures, should be contained in a RF safety program for that particular set of exposure conditions. A formatted version of the draft Recommended Practice derived from the meeting (referred to as the Salt Lake City Draft) has been prepared and distributed to all members of SC-2 via the present e-mail reflector for further comment and discussion.

A goal of the Subcommittee is to have a final draft of the Recommended Practice ready for presentation at the June meeting of the parent committee in St. Paul.

A letter will be prepared and sent to OSHA by March 1, detailing past history of the acceptance of the new RF symbols for use on RF safety signs and seeking similar support for the latest revision of C95.2.

The chairman has made arrangements with IEEE and has established an official web site for future SC-2 web based interaction. The web site has not yet, however, been developed into a practical mechanism for information exchange. Until this happens, the subcommittee will continue to make use the web server space at the American Radio Relay League (ARRL) and the gracious efforts of Ed Hare at ARRL in helping maintain the SC-2 web based materials.