

To: DFI Slurry Wall/Trench Committee Members
From: Laurent Lefebvre - Chairman
Re: **DFI Committee Meeting Minute- DFI Fall/International Conference
on Oct 21, 2009 at the Westin Crown Center, Kansas City, MO- 10am to 12 Noon**

Date: **November 9, 2009**

1. We have not progressed further on the next paper, "Guide to the Selection of Cutoff Methods." We should discuss the status of the draft, re-confirm its direction and content and establish a timetable.

It was decided to have our final draft by April, 30th 2010 and to send it for comments and approval to the DFI Technical Review Committee. We can also consider sending a copy to other interested DFI Committees during the approval process. Any committee member who wants to add or change something must send his comments by April 1st to the Chairman and Ray and we will issue the final version before the deadline.

2. Welcome to Doug Horvath as new committee member.

Some attendees asked how to apply to be committee's member. You should send a letter to the DFI headquarters' office with your request.

3. A very successful seminar was held in Chicago on May 8th. We will discuss a location and topics for next year's seminar.

The goal for the next seminar is to get the USACOE involved as much as possible. New Orleans could be a possible location but it has been decided that Pete Nicholson will investigate with them what would be the best time and location for them. According with the feed-back a decision will be taken.

Other possibility could be CA for the Sacramento area levees, but it more complicated to gather the different entities and boards in charge of the repair program.

4. Do we need to consider updating in a few years our DFI Guidelines for Structural Slurry Walls? The list of projects is easy to gather as most of our industry and DFI colleagues have the information. An added feature is to address recommended repair methods and treatment of water seepage through wall systems. In the past many individuals have contacted the Committee in regards to these items.

It was agreed to update the existing DFI Guidelines after finishing the Cutoff Wall Guide. So any members can review and send to the chair his comments and/or add-on. Pictures and references should be updated. Avoid Commercial Promotions.

Section on "Green Design" and "Sustainability" will be added although it is not clear what this section will include. Few people are candidates (Jesus Gomez, Ray Poletto and Giovanni

Bonita) to provide some information and make some research on this matter.

We propose to form a task committee within our group to investigate and incorporate those principals in the future documents. Interested candidates please contact me.

5. The Committee should consider presenting information in future seminars on the new environmental concerns, sustainability and being “green”.

See comments on #4.

6. How get the committee’s work more influential in the industry. Do we see our DFI “Guideline” effectively used by owners, engineers or contractors?

-Promote the Structural SW Guideline in DFI website, have a DFI slide presentation available for educators, students, etc..

-The committee will setup a DFI SW presentation and members will use it to present the technique in universities. Please send me your slides and I will put together the draft presentation for review. When the slides are approved a schedule of presentation could be set or at least the committee should be updated of any presentation.

Dead line to receive your slides (Send a CD) January 2010.

7. Other items....

Please find attached the updated committee members list.

Sincerely yours,
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