Biosafety Cabinetry Task Group on Class I and III
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Steve Williams called the meeting to order. Mindy Costello read the antitrust statement. S. Williams began the meeting by thanking everyone for calling in to participate on this task group.

Discussion:
The group began by discussing section 1.4 and went through the document line by line. The third paragraph referring to filters was brought forth. The September 2007 online version of BMBL (5th edition) was consulted. The discussion on the placement of the HEPA filter and the current language leaves this open and generic for the location of this HEPA filter. The chemical fume hood with HEPA is a Class I. There are no design/construction criteria within the standard. There was possible discussion of keeping the definition generic without listing all types and combinations of Class I’s. The situation where the operator turns on a cabinet without an interlock and not the filter or fan would be beyond addressing the design criteria. Removal of paragraphs 3, 4, 5 are because they are not addressing design criteria/construction issues. NSF will not be certifying Class I’s. The earlier consensus was there was not enough demand in the market to be testing Class I’s. Class III’s would increase certification. S. Williams stated this is still open for discussion on Class III’s and increasing the language referring to Class III’s. The performance testing increased language for Class III’s would be more viable to this task group than pursuing the Class I’s. The ballot language will be revised to reflect the discussions of the group. An informative annex with requirements and design/construction of a cabinet could be proposed via an issue paper.

The group will define the parameters for Class I and Class III’s. The language will be circulated to the group then sent to the JC for ballot.

No future call will be set at this time.