Fire Safety Issues

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Solar ABCs
PV Stakeholder Meeting

Cal Fire PV Installation Guidelines

• Released in April, 2008 (www.osfm.fire.ca.gov)
• Decided to wait to adopt as regulation pending more field experience (Oct. ‘08)
• Solar ABCs drafting explanation document for guidelines
• Natl. Assoc. of State Fire Marshals submit Cal Fire guidelines, with additions, for national ICC Fire Code. Provided testimony to reject proposal. Proposal voted down 6-5.
Next Steps

• Guide Natl. Electrical Code proposals for 2011 to see that conduit labeling and routing meets fire service needs.
• Help develop video demonstration of hazards that PV systems pose to fire fighters.
• Finish Solar ABCs explanation document for guidelines to better understand how to apply them.
• Work with fire service to refine regulation language for a national Fire Code this code cycle.