

5.8.1 Opportunity to Appeal and Response by ATSIP

The ATSIP Board shall accept any appeals directly related to the development or revision of the Standard from any directly or materially affected person. All appeals shall be submitted in writing to the ATSIP Board within 30 days after the date of notification of action or any time with respect to inaction. A Standards Appeal Committee shall be established by the ATSIP Board to review the appeal. The Appeals Committee may consult with the Consensus Body, if necessary. The Appeals Committee shall make a recommendation to the ATSIP Board who will decide whether the appeal has merit and if any action will be taken as a result.

Individuals who believe they have been affected by an action or inaction of the Standards Review Committee, Consensus Body or Secretariat shall have the right to appeal. The appellant shall file a written complaint with the ATSIP Board within 30 days after the date of notification of action or at any time with respect to inaction. The written complaint shall state the nature of the objection(s) including any adverse effects, the section(s) of the Standard at issue, actions or inactions at issue and the specific action(s) that would satisfy the appellant's concerns.

The ATSIP Board shall respond in writing within sixty days after receipt of the complaint, specifically addressing each allegation in the complaint to the extent possible. The ATSIP Board shall attempt to resolve the complaint informally.