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The following are my comments on "IEEE Stabilized Standards Discussion" dated 7-15-05

It is a clear and complete description of the background and status of the stabilized standards issue. Furthermore it explains the problems raised by the presently approved procedure for handling stabilized standards.

However I do not agree with the proposal to the IEEE-SA Standards Board. Everyone agrees that the stabilized standards concept is useful. There is also agreement that there are several problems with the present implementation. But rescinding the present procedure and asking IEEE staff to investigate is just putting it out to die. The IEEE staff proposal for any question is to postpone, study, form a committee, etc. We have only made the progress so far because IEEE staff got pushed into it. If this proposal comes to a RevCom vote, I will vote against it.

I have proposed a change in the way that stabilized standards are handled and circulated it so several people, and as question 14 states, it has not been explored.

I feel strongly that we should move forward on this and the proposal actually moves backward. Can I make a proposal to the IEEE-SA Standards Board?

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