

## **ANSI ExSC Interpretation: Use of Electronic Communications**

### **1.0 Use by ANSI-Accredited Standards Developers (ASD)**

The ANSI Executive Standards Council (ExSC) determined that an ASD has the right to require that interested parties submit public review comments electronically, in accordance with the developer's procedures.

### **2.0 Use by ANSI with respect to the American National Standards (ANS) development process (February 2012)**

The ANSI ExSC was asked to confirm for the record that it recognizes electronic communications as equivalent to hard copy mailings.

In addition, the ExSC was asked whether any circumstances exist that require the issuance of a hard copy notice within the context of ANSI staff's implementation of ANSI's procedures that govern the ANS process? For example, should a hard copy letter be issued in connection with a notice of withdrawal of a developer's accreditation?

The ExSC agreed that within the context of ANSI staff communications related to the ANS process, hard copy letters are not required as electronic communications are equivalent to hard copy. Staff confirmed that additional follow-up would and does take place if a bounce-back of an E-mail is received.