ANSI ExSC Interpretation (2011)

If a proposal is rejected in connection with the development of an ANSI, is there an implied prohibition on the use of the same proposal in another context?

The ExSC does not agree that the rejection of a proposal in one standards development process means that there is some implied prohibition on the use of the same proposal in another context. The *ANSI Essential Requirements*, which applies to candidate and approved American National Standards only, requires that every properly submitted proposal be considered on its own merit and in accordance with the sponsoring ANSI-Accredited Standards Developer’s accredited procedures.

The ExSC further notes that ANSI cannot, in any event, limit a proposer’s ability to suggest revisions to an American National Standard (ANS) in more than one venue, regardless of whether such a proposal was previously rejected in another context. While ANSI’s procedures encourage coordination and good faith efforts to minimize conflict and unnecessary duplication, the current language contained in the *ANSI Essential Requirements* cannot and is not interpreted to prohibit the introduction of a proposed revision that may have failed in one context, in another.