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SUBJECT: Suggestion for Appendix H.2 of SCSI-2

At a recent IT8 meeting we were apprised of the current status of SCSI-2. We are pleased with the progress you have made, and we also appreciate the reference to our work in Appendix H. In light of the progress we have also made, we would like to offer the following paragraphs as a replacement for section H.2.

H.2. Digital Data Exchange for Color Electronic Prepress System

Accredited Standards Committee IT8 has developed a standard, IT8.4-1989, Device Exchange Format for the On-Line Transfer of Color Proofs from Electronic Prepress Systems to Direct Digital Color Proofing Systems. These products are used for the preparation and output of color pictures for high quality color printing. The standard contains transport-independent command and data structures and an application profile for the use of SCSI as the transport medium. An addendum to IT8.4 extends its use to color hardcopy output devices in general.

Future work in ASC IT8 is directed toward the use of SCSI to interface high-end scanners to color electronic prepress systems. Please contact the National Printing Equipment and Supply Association (NPES), the Secretariat of IT8 for further information concerning the activities of IT8.

