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Subject: Optical Fiber PMD Environmental Considerations in IEEE 802.3ah

Thank you for the information on the available references for cabling and connecting hardware standards.

IEEE 802.3ah is still in the process of establishing extended temperature requirements for our standard. At our March 2003 meeting, we made some progress in this area by passing a motion outlining general considerations for establishing temperature requirements for access optical PMDs related to these requirements.

We appreciate the continued cooperation from TIA TR-42 and will keep you informed of our progress in this area.

Best regards,

Howard Frazier, Chair IEEE 802.3ah