

**SUMMARY OF THE
TNI ASBESTOS EXPERT COMMITTEE MEETING**

OCTOBER 18, 2017

The Committee met by teleconference on Wednesday, October 18, 2017, at 1:00 pm EST. Chair Myron Getman led the meeting.

1 – Roll call

Mike Carpinona, NJDEP (AB)	Present
Wyatt Dupay, Pace Laboratories (Laboratory)	Present
Zonetta English, Louisville Jefferson County (Laboratory)	Present
Myron Getman, Chair, NY State DOH (AB)	Present
Glen Green, Vice-Chair, Xcel Energy (Other)	Absent
Dixie Marlin, Marlin Quality Management (Other)	Absent
Carl Kircher, FLDOH, Associate Committee Member	Present
Ken Jackson, Program Administrator	Present

2 – Review and Approval of Previous Minutes

The Committee voted on the minutes of September 20, 2017. All were in favor and the minutes passed.

3 – Agenda

The Committee approved the proposed agenda.

4 – Old Business

There was no old business

5 – New Business

Introduction of New Committee Member

Myron welcomed Mike Carpinona, who introduced himself as a laboratory assessor with the NJDEP accreditation program.

Method Review

The Committee continued to work through the 2016 asbestos module (V1M3).

Previously, Section 3 (Terms and Definitions) had been discussed and Ken asked to return to this section. This arose from the previous decision to retain mention of “water and wastewater” in the introduction. A search of the standard showed inconsistencies in referring to sample matrices; e.g., potable water and drinking water are used interchangeably. The 2003 standard defined Drinking Water; Non-Potable Water; Solid and Chemical Materials; and Air And Emissions. However, the

only matrix definitions in the 2009 standard are Quality System Matrix, that are different. On discussion, there was agreement this should be addressed, at a minimum, in the Glossary of Terms. Ken said he would raise the issue with Bob Wyeth. Meanwhile a placeholder for this was added to V1M3.

Section 4 (1.4 in the 2009 standard); Method Selection

There were no recommendations for change in this section.

Section 5 (1.5 in the 2009 standard); Method Validation

The second sentence states “For both reference and non-standard methods, laboratories shall participate in proficiency testing programs”. However, there are no available proficiency test (PT) samples for non-standard methods. It was decided to change the sentence to “Laboratories shall participate in proficiency test programs where available”. This would leave the option open for any future PTs that may become available.

Section 6 (1.6 in the 2009 standard); Demonstration of Capability (DOC)

Myron pointed out that Section 1.6.1 (d) states “All data applicable to the demonstration shall be retained and readily available at the laboratory.” However, it does not say how long the data must be retained. A check of V1M2 showed a requirement to retain all data for 5 years. Therefore, it was agreed to amend the sentence to “... retained for a minimum of 5 years and readily available...” Carl added, if a laboratory is grandfathered, and data are not kept for at least 5 years, it cannot prove an initial DOC is not required (as per Section 1.6.1 (c)). However, it was suggested the onus is on the laboratory so there should be no need to specify a time limit in the 1.6.1 (c) case.

Section 1.6.2.2 (b) states “At least four (4) aliquots shall be prepared and analyzed according to the method either concurrently or over a period of days.” Zonetta emphasized a time-limit was needed to be consistent with other modules, and Myron said he would check the standard for this. Meanwhile, Zonetta would check this in the NIST/NVLAB standard.

Section 1.6.3.2 (e) says if the preceding list of options for ongoing DOC are not technically feasible, then analysis of real-world samples with results within predefined acceptance criteria (as defined by the laboratory or method) shall be performed. Myron expressed concern with this option.

6 – Next Steps

Myron said he would review Sections 1.6.1 (c) and (d) to decide if the language is strong enough to confirm the on-going DOC can be traced back to the original initial DOC. The committee would then move on to Section 7 on the next call.

7 – Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 1:50 pm EDT. The next call would be on November 15, 2017.

TNI Asbestos Testing Expert Committee (ATEC) Conference Call

Committee Meeting Wednesday, October 18, 2017
Call in: 1-712-832-8300; Access code: 862 9608

Myron Getman, Chair
Glen Green, Vice Chair

AGENDA

Roll call

Review and approve September 20, 2017 Minutes

Review and approve Agenda

Old Business

New Business

- Method Review (Dixie's proposals attached)
 - o Section 4 – Method Selection
 - o Section 5 – Method Validation
 - o Section 6 – Demonstration of Capability (DOC)
 - o Section 7 – Technical Requirements