

Asbestos Testing Expert Committee (ATEC)

Charter (Proposed)

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Mission

Develop and maintain consensus standards for asbestos testing (AT) that support TNI programs and that address the following elements of an asbestos testing program:

1. Roles and responsibilities of program participants,
2. Method selection and validation,
3. Technical requirements, and
4. Quality assurance and data acceptance criteria.

Composition of the Committee

TNI members representing applicable stakeholder groups; each serving 3-year terms with a maximum of 2 consecutive terms.

1. Stakeholder groups include:
 - a. Laboratory/Field Sampling Measurement Organization (FSMO)
 - b. Accreditation Body (AB) – (includes ABs of Labs/FSMOs/PTPs)
 - c. Other (i.e. consultants, 3rd party assessors, etc...)
2. A Chair and Vice-Chair are elected from among the committee membership; each serving 1-year terms with a maximum of 3 consecutive terms.
3. Membership must maintain balance so that no stakeholder group has a majority.
4. Associate and Affiliate members are allowed.

Objectives

1. Develop and maintain consensus standards for asbestos testing (AT) that are practical, implementable, and meet the needs of the environmental community while providing data of known and documented quality.
 - **Success Measure:**
 - Adoption of consensus AT standards by TNI and/or other applicable programs.
2. Serve as a technical resource to TNI membership.
 - **Success Measure:**
 - Prompt response to Standard Interpretation Requests (SIRs).
 - Adoption of guidance documents by TNI that support the AT standards as needed.
3. Provide technical assistance in developing tools to facilitate the implementation of the Standard.
 - **Success Measure:**
 - Checklists to aid in implementation by labs and ABs
 - Training via various media as necessary

Decision Making

Decisions of the ATEC are generally made by a majority vote in the presence of a quorum during teleconferences, face-to-face meetings, or by electronic voting, unless an alternate voting procedure is determined to be necessary by the committee.

Available Resources

1. Volunteer committee members
2. Existing national and international consensus-based standards
3. TNI website and other TNI support services (administrative, technical editing, etc.)
4. Teleconference and web-based services
5. Industry experts

Anticipated Meeting Schedule

1. Monthly teleconferences (open to all full and associate members and the general public)
2. Additional teleconferences as needed
3. Face-to-face meetings during the semiannual TNI Forums (open to all full and associate members and the general public)

Committee Roster

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