

Field Activities Committee Meeting January 5, 2009

Members present:

Marlene Moore, Chair
Dave Speis
Jim Eychaner
Jan Wilson
Mike Miller
Donna Ringel
Elaine Sorbet
Justin Brown
John Moorman

Associates present:

Greg Denny
Carl Kircher
Pat Conlon
Aaron Borisenko
Jane Wilson, Program Administrator

Review and approve meeting minutes

September 26th meeting minutes were reviewed, and no comments were provided. The committee approved the minutes unanimously (Dave Spies motion/Mike Miller second).

Air committee report

Marlene asked Carl Kircher and Mike Miller for updates on the air testing activities in which they have been participating. Carl reported on the FoPT subcommittee activity to develop FoPT tables in support of the Stationary Source Audit Sample (SSAS) initiative. The subcommittee will vote on the proposed table for FoPT for SSAS. If approved, it will go to the TNI PT Board and the SSAS committee for endorsement. Mike updated the FAC on the SSAS committee. Three Working Draft Standards (WDS) have been developed by the committee – they address SSAS providers, SSAS provider accreditors, and the SSAS program participants. The WDS have been posted on the TNI website ahead of the Miami meeting and they will be presented and discussed there. The SSAS effort does not address ambient air, only stationary source emissions.

Marlene also updated the FAC about an initiative by the Stack Tester Accreditation Conference (STAC), which is developing program to accredit stack testers. STAC is very interested in the NEFAP and want to be a recognized accreditor under the program. The STAC accreditation program intends to use the ASTM and 17011/17025 standards as the basis of accreditation. New Jersey and EPA are very involved and are providing funding for the STAC effort.

Stack testing seems to be a good place to pilot the NEFAP accreditation process since Louisiana accredits in this area and a lot of separate activities related to stack testing seem to be headed in the same direction.

NEFAP document - Review and comment and Plan for Miami Meeting

Marlene is presenting the overview of the NEFAP program at the Miami meeting on 1/14 Weds am and the FAC meets Weds pm. She provided an overview of the document she sent for review on 12/27. The document is a write up of the policies and procedures that have been developed for the FAC activities. It describes why a different approach is needed compared to that used by NELAP for laboratory accreditation. Marlene asked for tracked changes corrections and edits from the committee to be sent to her. Elaine noted a correction on p.3. Jim Eychaner asked if the

FAC should be determining scopes of accreditation. Marlene thought the FAC might want to have input into the issue, and ABs will define scopes as well. Different types of organizations will likely seek different scopes of accreditation, e.g., large national companies versus a small independent. Marlene noted that ILAC has a good document on scopes of accreditation (www.ilac.org). Anyone with comments can send them to Marlene. She reiterated the purpose of the Weds am presentation is to get people out of the "NELAP" mindset. Very few states have any jurisdiction in the area of field sampling. Some state programs have accreditation for field testing – Florida, Oregon, etc. for "analyze immediately" samples like pH. The challenge of NEFAP is how to best accommodate the needs of ABs and government/non-government entities that rely on field sampling.

Marlene noted the TNI By Laws currently do not recognize the NEFAP as a TNI program, so the By Laws and possible other TNI governing documents will need to be amended. Marlene is trying to engage other types of stakeholders in the development of the NEFAP as well. Donna will send a stakeholder recommendation to Marlene.

Other business

None was brought forth.