

## **Field Activities Committee Meeting Summary January 28, 2010**

### 1. Roll call and approval of minutes:

Chair Marlene Moore called the FAC meeting to order on January 28, 2009 at 10:30 am EST. Attendance is recorded in Attachment A. The meeting was adjourned at 11:30 PM EST.

After receiving no objections from any committee members, the minutes from the November 24, 2009 meeting were approved as written and will be posted on the TNI website.

(See Attachment B for PPT slides.)

### 2. Progress

- STAC

There have been some delays in the STAC program. Marlene will contact John Schakenbach as Scott Evan's suggested. She will explore opportunities for an MOU.

### 3. Environmental Lead Program

Erik Winchester (Associate Branch Chief, OPPT) provided an update to the committee. The Lead Program has been around for about 15 years. Lead sampling is done and then sent to a fixed lab. They have had an MOU with AIHA and A2LA to work with the laboratories. They have expanded and are encouraging FSMOs to do some of the analysis in the field through the use of XRFs. They saw what TNI is doing and thought a relationship would accomplish their goals to work with accredited FSMOs.

A DRAFT MOU is under review. The goal is to have an MOU done by April 1<sup>st</sup> and then a publication will go out April 22<sup>nd</sup>. The follow-up will be to get the program going. They will need a PT.

Though their focus is on XRF at this point, they want to be able to easily add to this in the future. When they start looking at XRF in soil, there may be overlap with other organizations using this technology for metals analysis in soil.

Randy asked about PT issues. There is research being done to develop Standard Reference Materials (SRMs). This includes some comparison work between ICP and XRF data with soils. There are interferences that need to be worked through.

Bob described the differences between Tier I, II and III accreditation. The subcommittee is focusing on Tier II and he presented a flow chart (Attachment C - Environmental Lead Accreditation Procedure). If the data is used for decisions, it must be produced by an accredited organization. We need to get out in front of Tier II organizations. They need to get started on the first blue box (Attachment C) so that they will be ready when the accreditation process is complete. They should not wait for the NEFAP Board.

Marlene encouraged all FSMOs to start looking at the standard and getting ready. It can take a while to be implement and it is not something you can quickly do when the accreditation process is ready to go.

We need to be creative in how the assessment process works (evaluate key activities). Maybe an assessor comes into town and the FSMOs go to them. Some ABs are looking at remote assessments. Need to make things cost effective. Need to think outside of the box.

Erik asked if we know how many TNI members are FSMOs that will be involved in this program. We are not currently tracking this type of information. Erik emphasized that we need to look at how to let people know about the program. There is a list of organizations that are currently working in this area and this is a group that Erik will be contacting. Also need to look at construction and real estate industries.

There is a new Renovation and Painting Rule that will be going into effect April 22<sup>nd</sup>. If you are disturbing more than 6 sq ft – you have to test upfront for lead if the building was built before 1978. You can use test kits for this initial work, but some activities cause more dust and there is additional testing required. Right now this needs to be done in a fixed base lab, but this program will be put in place to allow on-site analysis.

We should start seeing more FSMOs at these meetings moving forward because there is more concern being expressed about the sampling side.

This program is being run through EPA headquarters. It also involves HUD. It is not run through the regional offices.

Does the LQSR3 need to be reviewed for this program? Erik has people reviewing TNI's documents to look for conflicts. He suggested that the FAC also look at LQSR to look for conflicts. Bob's subcommittee will be doing this.

### 3. NEFAP Advocacy and Outreach Efforts

(See Attachment B for PPT slides.)

There are a few publications that want to publish articles about NEFAP.

Ideas from Audience:

- DOD is looking at this topic. Sebastian Gillette is heading a subcommittee. They are looking at standards.

- WEF

- Need to look at other national meeting opportunities.

- Need to get in touch with the large environmental sampling contractors – Bob said he would pursue this.

4. Membership

Need 3 new members. A form can be downloaded on the website for self nomination.

5. Open Action Items

See chart (Attachment D).

6. New Items

- None.

7. Next Meeting

The next meeting of the FAC will be planned via e-mail.

Action Items are included in Attachment D and Attachment E includes a listing of reminders.


**Attachment A  
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TNI Field Activities Committee**

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## Field Activities Committee (FAC)

- Progress
  - STAC
  - EPA Lead Program
  - Lead Subcommittee Report



## FAC

- Complete Work on Lead Program
  - LQSR 3.0
  - Proficiency Testing




## FAC

- Advocacy
- New members
  - Federal, State and Local Utility




## NEFAP Advocacy and Outreach Efforts



## Need to Spread the Word!

- ❖ Ground level – need “buy in” from all stakeholders to take off
- ❖ Need to increase general knowledge and awareness throughout the industry



## Past and Current Marketing Efforts

- ❖ TNI Presentations
- ❖ FSMO Presentations
- ❖ Poster Presentations
- ❖ Marketing Brochures
- ❖ Solicitation of interest from publications





## Issues/ Obstacles

- ❖ Wide spectrum of potential FSMO's and varying knowledge of accreditation programs.
- ❖ Time and resources, onus is on all of us to spread word of the program.



## Goals/ Future Endeavors

- ❖ Completion and submittal of article for publication at local and national trade publications.
- ❖ Increase presence among potential FSMO's through presentations at regional/ national conferences.
- ❖ Website presence
- ❖ Presence at TNI meetings/ publications
- ❖ Gaining Accreditation Bodies for Assessments



## Members

- Nominate
- Form on website

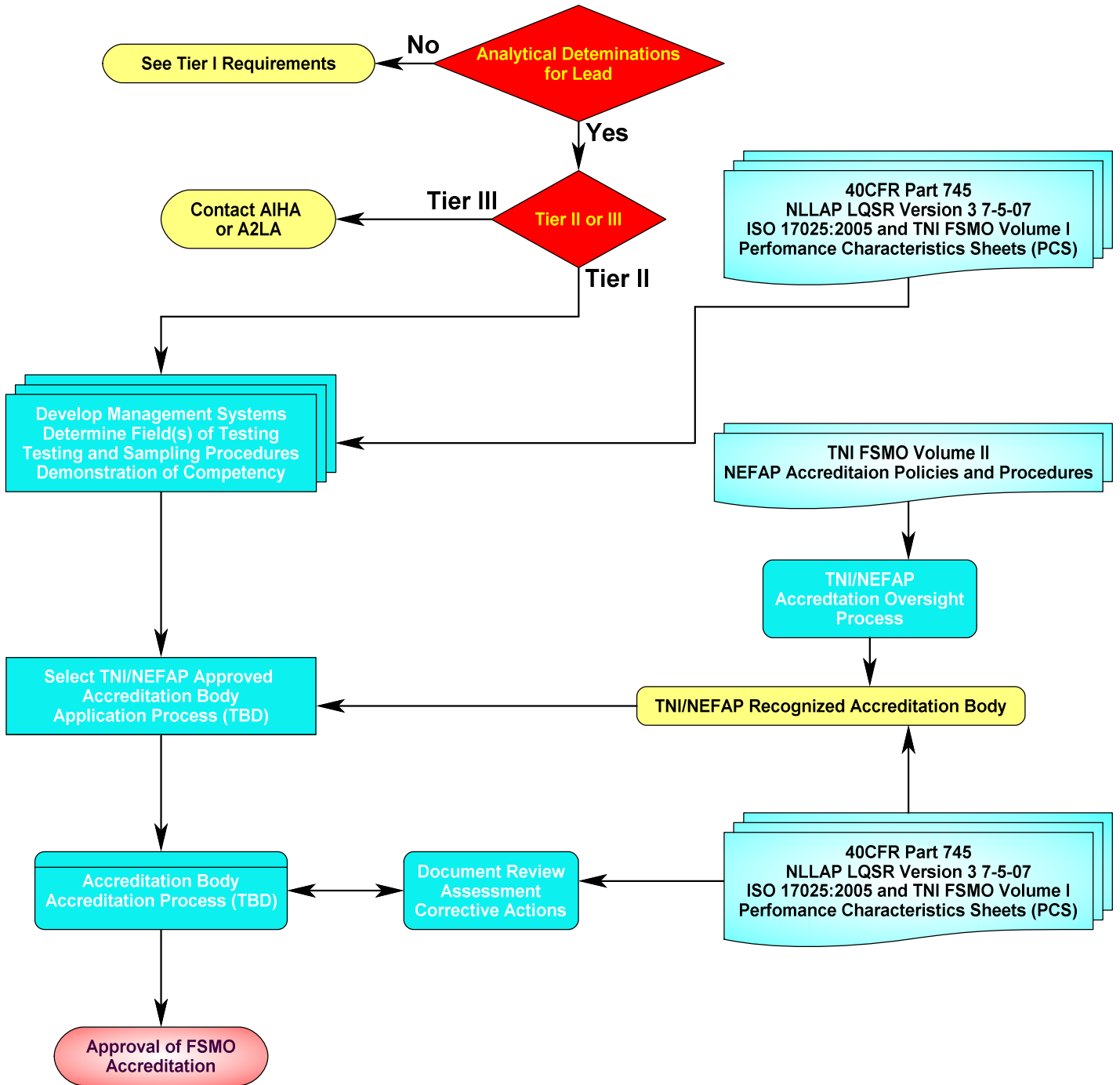


## Comments

- Input needed
- Questions



# Tier II Environmental Lead Accreditation Process







**Attachment E**

**Backburner / Reminders – FAC**

	<b>Item</b>	<b>Meeting Reference</b>	<b>Comments</b>
1	Review FAC Charter after NEFAP Board responsibilities are established.	10-29-09	
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