

**Summary of the  
Laboratory Accreditation Systems Committee Meeting**

**November 20, 2009**

1. Roll call: Attendance is recorded in Attachment A

The meeting of the TNI Laboratory Accreditation Systems Committee (LASC) was called to order by June Flowers, Chair, on November 20, 2009 at 12 noon EST. The meeting was adjourned at 1:15 pm EST (Motion: Judy. Second: Dan. Unanimously approved.)

A motion to accept the October 9, 2009 meeting minutes was made by Dan and it was seconded by Carol. The minutes were unanimously approved and will be posted to the TNI website.

2. Standard Interpretation Requests (SIRs)

June e-mailed a copy of the SIR SOP and Ilona e-mailed 8 final responses that were sent to the NELAP Board for final approval.

SOP

The SOP was reviewed:

- There are still no final signatures on the SOP. Ilona will check with Alfredo to see if this SOP has been finalized.
- Need to make sure that it is clear which standard a request is being made for. Is it for the current 2003 NELAC Standard or the new TNI Standard.
- Sections 5.2, 5.3, 5.4 and 5.7 need review for possible updating. A subcommittee was formed (June, Aaren, Ilona, Dale) to update the SOP. A DRAFT update will be sent to the LASC for review at the next meeting. Ilona will update the current version with what is actually being done now. Ilona will get the DRAFT to the subcommittee by December 1<sup>st</sup> and the subcommittee will plan to meet before the end of that week. The DRAFT will be sent to LASC by December 9<sup>th</sup>.

DRAFT Final Responses

- June had a concern on one response that she raised to the QS Expert Committee Chair:

From June:

*I have an objection to #76: Florida DEP (thanks to Silkie), had defined the holding time flagging of results to be applied if the analysis is not started within the 36th hour - in this case, up to the 37th hour. So 36 hours and 59 min is within HT.*

*Similar to a 7 day HT being up to midnight on that 7th day.*

*There may be some text to this in the MUR for extending the bacteria to 8 hours from 6 hours, but Silkie had this in FDEP SOP's for some time now. I can get the reference to you on Monday. This is why I was wondering if PADER had a similar stance, since the inquirer is a PA lab.*

From Paul Junio, Chair QS:

*We talked about Florida on this one. We recognize that a state might allow its labs more leeway in holding time, but it is the interpretation of the QS Committee that a 36 hour hold time expires at 36 hours. It isn't the same as a 7 day holding time, because for a holding time less than 72 hours, a lab is required to report the date AND time of analysis. This is because the holding time on such short analyses is dependant on the exact number of hours.*

This information will be forwarded to the NELAP Board for their consideration before their next meeting. Ilona will forward it to Carol.

- LASC should review and provide any comments on the responses by next Wednesday.

### 3. New Business

None.

### 4. Next Meeting

The next teleconference is scheduled for Friday, December 11, 2009 at noon EDT.

The LASC will meet in Chicago on Wednesday, January 27<sup>th</sup>, 1:30 - 5 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned.

**Attachment A**  
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**Attachment C**

**Backburner / Reminders – LASC**

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