

**Summary of the TNI NELAP Board Meeting
July 27, 2009**

1. Roll call

The NELAP Board met at 12:30 PM CST on July 20, 2009 for a special meeting to discuss adoption of the new TNI standards. Dan Hickman chaired the meeting. Those members in attendance are listed in Attachment 1. In addition to those indicated, Lynn Boysen from MN participated.

2. Minutes

Minutes from the 7-20-09 meeting were reviewed and approved for posting with a date change noted in the heading.

3. Standards Adoption

The board completed their initial review of V3 and V4 following the recommendations and tracked changes provided by LASC. Dan then requested a complete re-review for the standards to identify all potential concerns and issues. These concerns and issues are captured in the table below:

**NELAP Board Standards Adoption
Issues for Discussion/Resolution**

Section	Issue	Comments	State regs or statutes prohibit implementation
VIM1 4.1.3	Some ABs currently cannot track PT results by analysis date. Requires database changes and additional personnel.	May cause a delay in implementation.	No
VIM1 4.2.1	What if lab analyzes PT's more frequently than 5 months? Does AB have to		No

	ignore?		
V1M2 5.9.3 (c) and other places	Does not specifically state that more stringent QA/QC requirements in method prevail over TNI standards.	Similar language in several places in new standards, but not as strong as in current standard. May be difficult to implement consistently.	No
V1M3	No issues		
V1M4 1.6.2.2.(e) i	The word “test” was deleted where not associated with the word “method”	Advise CSDB of editorial change needed.	No
V1M4 1.6.3.2 (d)		What does this mean? May need interpretation from Quality Systems committee	No
V1M5 1.7.3.1		FYI, Sterility check in 1.7.3.1 (b) may be different from D3.	No
V1M6 1.7.1 (c)		Some think weekly is too frequent. Not an implementation issue.	No
V1M7	No issues		
V2M1	No issues		
V2M2 10.3	Some states cannot “revoke” for non-participation in PT studies.	May not have been the intent of committee. States may be able to revoke after multiple instances of non-participation.	Yes?
V2M3	No issues	Need to develop a document to describe the accreditation process under the new standard. The new standard lacks	

		the level of detail in current standard. Also, training of assessors is not specified and should be described. On-going training needs to be specified.	
V3 10.3.1	Reporting “less than” results for PTs would put TNI standards in conflict with 40CFR Part 141. SDWA requires definite acceptance limits. Will put the AB in a position to have to evaluate PT results separately for TNI and SDWA. Could jeopardize primacy agreements.	Some think “less than” and “greater than” language may have been reversed inadvertently. To ensure consistent implementation, it may be best to eliminate sections (d) and (e) in Section 10.3.1, thereby eliminating the confusion and conflicts over less-than-greater-than PT reporting and resultant Acceptable and Not Acceptable PT scores."	Yes?
V4	No issues		

8. Next meeting

The next meeting of the NELAP Board is August 3, 2009, at 12:30 CDT.

The call in number is **1-218-936-4700 access code 983225**.

Agenda items will include:

Approval of minutes

Update on renewals

VA DCLS question on assessor training

Complete final review and adoption of new TNI standards

Review of plans for San Antonio meeting

Attachment 1

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