

Summary of the TNI NELAP Board Meeting June 15, 2009

1. Roll call

The NELAP Board met at 12:30 PM CST on June 15, 2009. Dan Hickman chaired the meeting. Those members in attendance are listed in Attachment 1. In addition to those indicated, Cathy Westerman from Virginia joined the call. Jerry Parr took minutes, substituting for Carol Batterton.

2. Minutes

Minutes from the 6-1-09 meeting were reviewed and approved for posting after minor corrections.

3. Update on renewals

TX –Draft report submitted on May 22.

2. SW 846

The consensus of the Board is that any further discussion on this topic should be tabled until after the ELAB meeting on August 10. Once there is a better understanding of what direction EPA plans to take, then the NELAP Board will revisit this topic. This item will be on the agenda for the meeting on August 13. Several ABs indicated that it was critical for them to continue to accredit to the specific revision of the method.

3. Update on Evaluation SOP

Dan provided a copy of the revised SOP. In discussing the section relating to the laboratory observation, Steve Arms suggested another option be to allow for this observation to occur within the first year of operation of the new AB. The proposed revisions will be circulated to the NELAP Board and EPA evaluators for review.

4. San Antonio Program Update

The NELAP portion of the program will be on Thursday. Topics to be discussed include:

- o Implementation of new TNI Standards
- o SW-846
- o New Accreditation Bodies
- o Copyright issues surrounding the new TNI standards
- o National Database training

Jerry and Carol will see about getting legal counsel to assist with the copyright issue. Jerry will approach David Epstein about getting support to help ABs with the initial upload to the database.

5. Air Proficiency Testing

In response to a comment from the air and emissions subcommittee of the PT Board, the NELAP Board affirmed their desire to add air PT samples to the NELAP program. The Board understands the concerns from labs over the costs of such samples and would encourage the PT Board to consider this component of the program, by perhaps limiting the scope to those analytes/methods of greatest concern.

6. Standards Interpretation Requests

Dan asked Jerry to have Ilona provide a list of all SIRs that have not been considered by the NELAP Board. Also, any informal discussions among the Board, either at teleconferences or by email relating to interpreting the standard should be formally address using the SIR process.

7. Important Documents on Website

The TNI website needs to have a central place for key documents (e.g., Method Codes) rather than having them buried on committee pages. Jerry will take this request to the Website committee.

8. Next meeting

The next meeting of the NELAP Board will be July 6, 2009.

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

Attachment 1

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