

Summary of the NELAP Accreditation Council Meeting

May 2, 2016

1. Roll Call and Approval of Minutes

The NELAP Accreditation Council (AC) met at 1:30 pm Eastern time on Monday, May 2, 2016. Minutes from April 4 were approved with LDEQ abstaining due to absence from that meeting. Those members in attendance are listed in Attachment 1.

Two voting items were completed since the April 4 meeting. NJ's renewal with provisional recognition was approved with twelve "yes" votes and both NJ and NH abstaining. Three recommendations from LASEC to accept the revised asbestos and rad chem modules and to retain the 2009 version of WET were approved with thirteen yes votes and one abstention. NY noted its partial abstention about WET since they do not accredit for that field of testing.

2. Action Items Pending

- Continue review of draft revisions to Evaluation SOP 3-102, containing recommended changes

3. Renewal Recommendation for LA DEQ

The recommendation from the LA DEQ Evaluation Team for renewal of LA DEQ's recognition as a NELAP AB was distributed to AC members in April. Donnell moved and Sara seconded that this recommendation be approved, and there was no formal discussion. The motion was approved with thirteen "yes" votes and LA DEQ abstaining.

4. Concepts for Revising the NELAP Evaluation SOP 3-102, continued

Aaren thanked Cathy for her efforts in preparing the revisions to the Evaluation SOP that were distributed after the April meeting and introduced Jerry Parr to discuss the impact of proposed SOP revisions on the TNI budget and AB annual fees.

Donna requested and received permission to share the planned revisions with the EPA Regional Certification Officers.

Cathy asked all AB representatives to please review the updated draft (sent shortly after this meeting) and send her any questions by one week before the June 6 AC meeting. Hopefully, the revised SOP can be approved at that time. The following steps will be review and approval by Policy Committee and endorsement by the TNI Board of Directors, plus TNI preparing to provide an updated evaluator training at the winter meeting in Houston, in early 2017.

5. PT Issue from New Jersey

Michele had asked for discussion of aroclor PTs, several months ago. The fundamental issue is that, since not all PCB isomers are spiked each time within a PT, the labs are not

necessarily being evaluated for each individual aroclor. If a lab fails an aroclor PT, that aroclor is unlikely to be contained in the next PT round, so that there never occurs another quantitative check for the failed isomer.

Some ABs deal with this administratively in their own regulations, but others do not. All agreed that the PT Executive Committee should be asked to examine this issue and seek to change the FoPT table for PCBs to improve the current gaps in PT effectiveness for this class of chemicals. Michele will work with Carl (who chairs that FoPT subcommittee) to submit an Analyte Request Application to PTPEC for consideration of this issue.

6 Next Meeting

The next meeting of the AC will take place on Monday, June 6, 2016, at 1:30 pm Eastern. An agenda and teleconference information will be sent out before the meeting. The major issue will be to finalize and approve the revised Evaluation SOP 3-102.

Attachment 1

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