

**SUMMARY OF THE
TNI PROFICIENCY TESTING EXPERT COMMITTEE MEETING
DECEMBER 14, 2012**

The Committee met by teleconference on Friday, December 14, 2012, at 11:00 am EDT. Mitzi Miller chaired the meeting.

1 – Previous Minutes

September 7. It was moved by Scott and seconded by Judy to adopt the minutes as presented. All were in favor. Therefore, the minutes were approved.

October 19. Ken reported that 5 Committee members had voted by e-mail for their adoption. Scott and Mitzi added their affirmative votes, requiring one more vote for adoption. Ken was asked to send out the draft minutes for e-mail approval by the remaining Committee Members.

November 2. It was moved by Joe and seconded by Shawn to adopt the minutes as presented. All were in favor. Therefore, the minutes were approved.

2 – Discussion of Comments received on the Working Draft Standard

Ken agreed to track all the assigned comments to obtain an update on their progress towards resolution. Mitzi reported that she is working on Alger7 and will complete it.

On October 22, Stacie had sent out by e-mail some additions to Nicole's proposed revision of Section 5.1 (V1M1). This version (attached) was discussed. There was a protracted discussion on 5.1.2.1 a): the time period to be allowed between the closing date of the last successful PT study and the date of obtaining initial accreditation. It was agreed to change the wording to: "The closing date of the most recent successful PT study must be no more than 12 months prior to obtaining initial accreditation from an AB."

The most recent (10/28/12) version of V1M1 (as modified by Scott) was discussed. The change to 5.1.2.1 a), as discussed above, was noted. It was agreed to remove the note in 5.2.3.1, since laboratories rarely announce they will withdraw from a PT study, and it is not considered necessary for them to do so. Roger expressed concern over the reporting requirements in 5.1.2 b), saying that many laboratories prefer to report less than their LOQ, taking the risk that they may fail the PT if their LOQ is greater than the PTRL. Scott agreed to modify the language to allow this option.

Shawn agreed to amend V2 to allow, where appropriate, reference to V1 in order to avoid repetitive language.

Mitzi said, when V1 and V2 have been modified to address all the persuasive comments, the committee will need to look at V3 to make sure it remains consistent.

3 – Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 12:00 pm EST. The next meeting will be January 2, 2012 at 11:00 am EDT.

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ATTACHMENT – Section 5.1 V1M1

5 PT STUDY FREQUENCY REQUIREMENTS FOR ACCREDITATION

5.1 Initial Accreditation

5.1.1 Chemical Testing, Radiochemical Testing, Asbestos and Microbiology

5.1.1.1 ~~For each field of accreditation for which the laboratory has applied, that is also an accreditation FoPT, the laboratory shall demonstrate to the primary accreditation body (Primary AB) a performance history of two (2) unique "Acceptable" performance evaluation scores to attain initial accreditation. For each accreditation FoPT (with the exception of Whole effluent Toxicity FoPTs) that correspond to the fields of accreditation for which the laboratory has applied. Unique performance evaluation scores are from two different PT samples.~~ Studies.

- a) The two PT studies identified in section 5.1.1 must be performed no more than 18 months prior to obtaining initial accreditation from an AB.
- b) The opening date of the second study must be at least seven (7) calendar days after the closing date of the first study.
- c) The closing date of the most recent successful PT study must be less than six (6) months prior to obtaining initial accreditation from an AB.

5.1.2 Whole Effluent Toxicity Testing

5.1.2.1 ~~For each field of accreditation for which the laboratory has applied, that is also an accreditation FoPT, For Whole Effluent Toxicity (WET) testing, the laboratory shall demonstrate to the primary AB that they have successfully analyzed, reported, and received an "Acceptable" score evaluation for~~ at least one (1) PT study ~~to attain initial accreditation, when required as specified in section 4.1.1, for each field of accreditation,~~

- a) ~~The study closing date of the most recent successful PT study shall must be no more~~ less than 18 months prior to obtaining initial accreditation from an AB.

Commented [sch1]: Combination of WDS and AA verbiage.

Commented [sch2]: I would recommend that this be 12 months.