

**SUMMARY OF THE
TNI LABORATORY PROFICIENCY TESTING EXPERT COMMITTEE MEETING**

JANUARY 25, 2017

The Committee met at the Forum on Environmental Accreditation, Houston, TX, on Wednesday, January 25, 2017, at 8:00 am CST. Chair Nicole Cairns led the meeting.

1 – Roll call

Fred Anderson, Advanced Analytical Solutions (Other)	Present
Nicole Cairns, NYSDOH (Chair; Other)	Present
Rachel Ellis, NJ DEP (AB)	Absent
Patrick Garrity, KYDOW (AB)	Absent
Craig Huff, ERA (Other)	Present
Susan Jackson, SC DHEC (AB)	Absent
Stacie Metzler, Hampton Roads San. Distr. (Lab)	Present
Tim Miller, Phenova (Other)	Present
Joe Pardue P2S (Vice-Chair; Other)	Present
Donna Ruokenen, Microbac (Lab)	Absent
Ken Jackson, Program Administrator	Present

2 – Introduction

Nicole welcomed the attendees and the Committee Members introduced themselves. Nicole described the mission of the Proficiency Testing (PT) Expert Committee and showed the member list, emphasizing that new members are always being sought. The committee had been meeting every two weeks to get the 2016 standard finalized, but was now able to reduce the meeting frequency to monthly.

3 – Status of the 2016 Standard

Final edits had been made to Volume 1 Module 1 (V1M1), and the module had now been accepted as implementable by the NELAP Accreditation Council (AC). Nicole explained that minor editorial changes needed to be made to V2M2, mostly to mirror the changes made to V1M1, and the Consensus Standards Development Executive Committee would need to verify the changes as editorial before sending to the Laboratory Accreditation System Executive Committee (LASEC) and the AC for their consideration. Minor edits had also been made to V3 and V4 and the Proficiency Testing Executive Committee had subsequently accepted these volumes as implementable by TNI. An audience member suggested checking the new version of ISO 17011 to assure there were no conflicts with the PT standards.

Although all volumes and modules were now final (subject to AC approval of V2M2), Nicole stressed that none of them could be implemented until a new V1M4 (Chemistry quality system) had been developed, approved by the TNI membership, and accepted by NELAP. Besides V1M4 holding up all of Volume 1, there were also PT requirements in V3 and V4 that were not compatible with the existing 2009 standard.

Nicole summarized this discussion by showing the editorial changes made to the modules and volumes.

4 – Next Steps for the PT Expert Committee

The following list was presented:

- updates to the Small Laboratory Handbook;
- a revised committee charter;
- gathering feedback on the new standard as it is implemented;
- looking towards the next round of standard updates (next 4-5 years);
- incorporating revised ISO standards;
- proficiency testing of preparative methods;
- additional radiochemistry PTs as requested;
- whole effluent toxicity PT requirements for conformance with the next V1M7 (Toxicity) revision. On this issue, it was commented that organisms from different suppliers are not always uniform, and Rami Naddy agreed a wider range of PT results may have to be acceptable.

Nicole reminded the audience that input and feedback from stakeholders would be imperative.

5 – Adjournment

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:45 am CST.