

**TNI Chemistry FoPT Subcommittee  
Meeting Summary  
February 16, 2010**

1. Roll call and Meeting Minutes:

Co-Chair Carl Kircher called the Chemistry FoPT Subcommittee to order on February 16, 2010, at 12:15pm EST. Attendance is recorded in Attachment A. Lance Boyton also attended the call.

The minutes from the February 9, 2010 meeting were reviewed for approval. Jeff motioned to accept the minutes with the amendments Eric e-mailed and Eric seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved and these minutes will be posted to the TNI website.

There were 7 people present on the call today.

2. NPW FoPT Table

Chuck commented that he wanted to see Footnote 12 put back into the table. Lance commented that without this footnote it makes other notes mandatory and this is not something he would like to see done. Jeff pointed out that this language was also taken out of the DW table. Chuck suggested that it should be added back to the DW table before it is finalized, but it is not as critical as in the NPW table.

*Added 2/19/10 – from Chuck:*

*As we discussed on Tuesday during the PT FoT Subcommittee conference call, the following text that is in the current Potable Water table needs to be in the Potable Water table that is approved by the PT Board. The text applies to six footnotes (13, 14, 16, 17, 18 and 19) in the table and we may need to do some editorial changes to rearrange the numbering of the footnotes. It should be noted that the footnote was in the December 15, 2009 version of the table and then disappeared in the "final" version.*

*“The following recommended sample designs, which were used in past USEPA studies, should be used as model designs because other designs may not give equivalent statistics. PT study providers may vary their sample designs from those shown. The specifics within each sample are within the discretion of the PT study Provider.”*

Jeff was asked to take a closer look at Footnote 20. This wording originally came from Dan Dickinson.

Footnote 22 and 24: Add “n” to C<sub>5</sub> to C<sub>10</sub> and C<sub>10</sub> to C<sub>28</sub>.

The subcommittee decided that they needed more time to critically review the table and vote on it next teleconference. Members were asked to send comment via e-mail.

Eric asked about the motion that was passed previously to include footnotes with the dual purpose analytes. The DRAFT NPW FoPT Table did not include them. He asked how FL would look at the table if we don't clarify with a footnote that certain compounds are not required to be run as a PT when run by a certain technology. Historically some ABs have required that any analyte listed on an FoPT table must be run as a PT for any technology the lab is asking to be accredited for to run the analyte. It was commented that headers for volatiles and extractables might solve some of the dual purpose analyte issues. An example: 2,4-D can be done by HPLC. Does the lab have to do a PT for this when accredited in the Herbicides category?

Eric made a Motion: Explanatory footnotes for 4 - Nitrophenol in the Herbicides list, Hexachlorobenzene and Hexachlorocyclopentadiene in the Pesticides list and Dinoseb in the Base/Neutrals list not be added to the NPW FoPT Table at this time, but that the footnotes provided by Carl be included in the cover letter to the PT Board when the table is forwarded. The motion was seconded by Jeff.

Discussion:

A comment was made that Footnote 10 from the old NPW FoPT table was removed. This was due to the inclusion of the headers.

Vote: Unanimous.

Additional comments:

Chuck – Row 166: The analyte code has been changed. Jeff commented that the old one had been retired. Chuck asked if the group needs to go through all the analyte codes to make sure no others may have changed? Chuck commented that there was a new analyte table published in December 2009. The PT providers are not being notified when updates happen. Carl will take a look at what is posted on the TNI website and see how that relates to the analyte codes that are on the FoPT table. He will do this before next Thursday. Chuck will help with this too.

The group changing the method codes needs to get input from the stakeholders before codes are changed. The PT providers on the call feel it is out of control. Eric commented that the PT Board was not aware of changes to the codes. Eric will add this issue to the PT Board agenda for their Thursday call this week. Chuck will send an e-mail to the Information Technology Committee to get more detail on which codes have changed. He also commented that the group working with analyte codes

needs a process similar to what we do with the limit updates. Stakeholders should be consulted.

### 3. DW FoPT Table

The PT Board has not voted on the table. Michella was concerned about some limits and needed more time to review the table. There was a misunderstanding on the limits for EDB and DBCP that has been cleared up, but EPA would like to take a closer look at a few more limits. The next PT Board meeting is February 18, 2010. It is hoped that any remaining issues will be resolved and that it will be approved on the 18th.

### 4. New Items

- None.

### 5. Action Items

- Action items were reviewed. Changes were made directly to the table.

### 6. Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Chemistry FoPT Subcommittee will be February 23, 2010, at 12PM EST. The focus of the meeting will be the review and approval of the DRAFT NPW FoPT Table. After finalization of the table, the subcommittee will begin work on the Solids and Chemical Wastes FoPT Table.

Action Items are included in Attachment B and Attachment C includes a listing of reminders.

The meeting ended at 1:28 pm EST. (Motion - Jim, Second- Eric. Unanimously approved.)

**Attachment A**

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**Attachment B**

**Action Items – Chemistry FoPT Subcommittee**

	<b>Action Item</b>	<b>Who</b>	<b>Expected Completion</b>	<b>Actual Completion</b>
13.	Prepare letter to ABs to find out their needs on analytes that may be under consideration for deletion. (3/24/09 – <i>It was determined that these tables are used by more than just ABs. This needs to be reconsidered.</i> )	TBD	TBD	
22.	Prepare for upcoming meetings by reviewing evaluation files that Jeff will send every 2 weeks.	All	Ongoing	
46	Re-evaluate experimental volatile halocarbons for fixed limits when the rest of the volatile halocarbons are evaluated for an NPW table update.	All	On-going	
50	Send e-mails to Jeff and subcommittee with comments on the NPW FoPT table.	All	2/22/10	
51	Send an e-mail to Information Technology Committee to find out which codes have been changed.	Chuck	2/17/10	
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**Attachment C**

**Backburner / Reminders – Chemistry FoPT Subcommittee**

	<b>Item</b>	<b>Meeting Reference</b>	<b>Comments</b>
1	Review summary data to see if it supports a change in the acceptance criteria for DW analytes (For example, VOA, 30% instead of 20%). If data is supportive, Jeff Lowry will approach ELAB.	10-30-08	3/10/09 - Jeff has approached ELAB. They would be happy to put it in a work group – and pass it along with a letter to EPA. We need to provide them with the data.
3	Consider changing the lower limit for Vanadium on WP to 50 ug/L.	6-30-09	
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