

**DRAFT Minutes of  
THE NELAC INSTITUTE'S  
Whole Effluent Toxicity Testing (WET)  
Subcommittee for Acceptance Criteria  
May 8, 2013**

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The meeting was called the order at 1:00 pm EST by Rami Naddy (Chair).

Roll call was taken and members present are listed in Attachment A. Committee has two new members (Jennifer Loudon and Joe Pardue), that introduced themselves and provided an idea of their experience.

The April teleconference meeting minutes were approved by the subcommittee. Committed discussed old business and remaining action items from last meeting. Specific action items and comments were:

- Topic #1: Analytical (i.e., PT toxicity) data regarding potential toxicity differences between dilute mineral water (DMW) and reconstituted freshwater prepared from salts (MHSF). Teresa N. gave an overview of this topic for the benefit of the new members. Committee is still considering making a recommendation to combine these datasets for all WET PTs (draft paragraph written and submitted to committee by Teresa) regarding proposed background and recommendation.
  - Still waiting to try and get more data from EPA / data from PTPs this year so can have a better handle on what the implications would be.
  - Wanted to also consider what we would need for a good QA program.
  - Topic tabled until have additional data.
- Topic #2: since 'no toxicity' is a valid and common test result in WET studies that WET PT samples include blanks (i.e., non-toxic samples) as a valid result. Chris P. provided some background on this topic for the new members. Committee has a draft paragraph (submitted by Chris P.) regarding proposed background and recommendation.
  - Tabled this discussion so we could get specific input on guidance for preparing PTs and then move forward on whether we put forth a recommendation or not.
- Dropping NOEC from WET PT reporting: Teresa provided some background on this topic for benefit of new members. Comment was made that the committee should make this recommendation again.
- Committed discussed reviewing PT instructions on preparing PT test unknowns to ensure they are consistent. Instructions from three PTPs (RTC-Sigma, ERA, and Phenova) was located and sent to committee to review for next meeting. Action item: look at wording in PT instructions. Jamie M. volunteered to setup format on in reviewing the PT instructions and distribute to the committee.
- New business: Chris introduced topic that he has noticed a few WET labs that seem to have problems are also NELAC approved (i.e., auditors miss problems, etc), and how should this be addressed & whether this committee is the appropriate one to tackle that topic or not? Faust P. said there is an 'on-site committee' that provides training guides with each discipline and doesn't think that responsibility lies within this committee (may be in the Accrediting Body Committee now). Chris said he would follow up with Jerry Parr.

The meeting concluded at 2:00 pm EDT after discussing our next meeting date and time. The next teleconference was scheduled for June 12, 2013 at 1:00 pm EDT (tentative date for following month was set, July 24<sup>th</sup>, same time).

**Attachment A**

**TNI WET FOPT SUBCOMMITTEE MEMBERS 2012-2013**

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**Attachment B**

**ACTION ITEMS  
TNI PROFICIENCY TESTING COMMITTEE**

<b>Item</b>	<b>Action Item</b>	<b>Assigned To</b>	<b>Due Date</b>	<b>Date Complete</b>
1	Keep the PT Board informed	Rami Naddy	On-going	--
2	Request data from PT Providers for evaluation	Rami Naddy	On-going	Provided by RTC-Sigma (April 11, 2012)
3	Finalized paragraph on eliminating the NOEC requirement from the WET Table.	Whole committee	Jan. 18, 2012	Feb. 9, 2012
4	Recommendation on changes to test concentrations / reporting limits / addition of blanks for WET PT data.	Whole committee (lead Chris P.)	On-going	--
5	Recommendation on combining DMW and MHSF DMR-QA data for specific test methods.	Whole committee (lead Teresa N.)	On-going	--
6	Are PTP instructions among methods and PTPs consistent and provide sufficient instruction	Whole committee	On-going	--