

**DRAFT Minutes of
THE NELAC INSTITUTE'S
Whole Effluent Toxicity Testing (WET)
Subcommittee for Acceptance Criteria
March 19, 2014**

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. New member Chris Burbage was introduced and he gave the committee some information about his background.

The February teleconference meeting minutes were approved by the subcommittee.

Committee discussed remaining old business action items to finalize. Specific action items and comments were:

- Topic #4: Rami N. gave a quick summary of the final recommendation for changes to the WET PT mixing instructions. This final recommendation will be submitted to TNI for consideration before the next meeting.

- Topic #2: Teresa N-K. gave background on the committee's recommendation to combine WET-PT results for dilute mineral water (DMW) and reconstituted freshwater prepared from salts (MHSF). Teresa also mentioned that EPA Duluth has been working to improve reconstituted water recipes for WET and other toxicity testing moving forward (have been recent papers at national SETAC [Society of Environmental Toxicology & Chemistry] meetings).

Plan is that to modify the current draft recommendation and circulate to the committee via e-mail before the next meeting.

Action item: Rami N. still trying to follow-up with Bob. O'Brien, on how PTPs deal with results that are reported as '<6.25%'. Circulate to committee.

Other Old Business: Rami gave committee an overview of e-mail he received from Ilona Taunton (TNI). That Marie Friedman is stepping in as the new chair of the PTP Executive Committee. Marie has asked for information from each subcommittee so she can get familiar with them. Requested info: current membership, minutes (post to TNI website), meeting schedule, current plans.

New business: None.

Teresa e-mailed committee a pdf copy of the presentation that she gave at the November 2013 SETAC meeting in Nashville, TN (Rami as co-author) regarding WET and proficiency testing results. She gave over the presentation to the committee. Teresa also asked the committee for any ideas / notes on correction etc. for the WET guidance documents. Wants to get any comments by April 4, 2014.

The meeting concluded at 2:00 pm EDT. The next teleconference is scheduled for either April 9th, 2014 at 1:00 pm EDT.

Attachment A

TNI WET FOPT SUBCOMMITTEE MEMBERS 2012-2014

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Note: Bob O'Brien (RT-Corp / Sigma) would like to continue to receive e-mails associated with this sub-committee.

Attachment B

**ACTION ITEMS
TNI PROFICIENCY TESTING COMMITTEE**

Item	Action Item	Assigned To	Due Date	Date Complete
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.)	Tabled	On hold – dependent on whether NOEC is dropped for PTs
5	Recommendation on combining DMW and MHSF DMR-QA data for specific test methods.	Whole committee (lead Teresa N. & Pete D.)	On-going	Draft recommendation prepared
6	Are PTP instructions among methods and PTPs consistent and provide sufficient instruction	Whole committee (lead Jamie M. & Pete D.)	Mid-March 2014	Text in final form (send out to TNI before next mtg)