

**DRAFT Minutes of
THE NELAC INSTITUTE'S
Whole Effluent Toxicity Testing (WET)
Subcommittee for Acceptance Criteria
April 11, 2012**

The meeting was called the order at 1:00 pm EST by Rami Naddy (Interim-Chair). Members present are listed in Attachment B.

The January teleconference meeting minutes were approved by the subcommittee with slight modifications.

Discussed addressing the remaining action items and other old business. The specific action items and comments were:

- Analytical (i.e., PT toxicity) data regarding any potential toxicity differences between dilute mineral water (DMW) and reconstituted freshwater prepared from salts (MHSF). In theory the results produced from both water types should be similar / produce similar results and therefore these data could be combined for reporting purposes. Original data was provided to the committee to review however, no new data was submitted by the PTP labs to evaluate (additional data provided by Bob O'Brien was submitted to the group on April 19 to discuss at May mtg). Committee is considering whether to make a recommendation to combine these datasets for all WET PTs.
Bob Kelly was concerned that by clumping these two different water types could lead to possible WET PT failures for laboratories that use DMW. It was also suggested that if this change is suggested that the committee also recommend changing the terminology (e.g., MH) to indicate that any future dataset is a combined dataset (to differentiate from separated datasets).
- Reviewed Stacie Metzler's Feb. 8th e-mail on the last TNI meeting regarding WET. She is also now the Chair of the PT Executive Committee (congrats Stacie!). Jamie Mitchell updated the group on the TNI updates, specifically requiring 2 PTs per year for WET laboratories. There was a temporary interim amendment (TIA) only requiring one PT per year for WET (e-mail sent April 18th). The TIA was approved and posted on the website and was effective May 2nd. It no longer requires 2 PTs per year and documents the necessary corrective action for a failed PT. The link is www.nelac-institute.org/cms/posts/1334542407.php.
- We discussed the January 24 memo (from Rami) regarding directions for DMR-QA samples (<lowest test concentration results and dilution series). Based on the review of the directions there were some inconsistencies and lack of information. From the discussion, it was suggested that the committee make a recommendation to provide specific directions for all WET PT studies (or the directions are general for all studies).

Other items discussed on the call:

- Chris Pasch also discussed the issue that since 'no toxicity' is a valid and common WET test result that WET PT samples include blanks (i.e., non-toxic samples) as a valid result. He will provide a draft paragraph for this topic before next meeting.

The meeting concluded at 2:00 pm EST after setting our next meeting date and time. Our next teleconference will be in May 16, 2012 at 1:00 pm EST.

Attachment A

**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	--
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 or reporting limits for WET PT data ?	Whole committee	On-going	--

Attachment B

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