

**DRAFT Minutes of
THE NELAC INSTITUTE'S
Whole Effluent Toxicity Testing (WET)
Subcommittee for Acceptance Criteria
October 17, 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 September teleconference meeting minutes were approved by the subcommittee with slight modifications.

Discussed last meeting and remaining action items / other old business. The 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). Committee is considering whether to make a recommendation to combine these datasets for all WET PTs.
 - Concern was again expressed if combining DMW and MHSF would put labs using DMW at a disadvantage (i.e., higher likelihood of failing DMR-QAs).
 - Paragraph soliciting input on this topic was distributed by Bob O. to DMR-QA clients. (awaiting any feedback)
 - Tabled the discussion until could get feedback from WET labs that use DMW.
- 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.
 - Lance Ferrell (and Cindy Moore his supervisor) of North Carolina's WQ division joined the call and provided an overview of the NC DMRQA program and how they operate it. This took the remainder of the meeting including questions.

Other action items:

- Ginger mentioned summary sheet submitted along with DMR-QA results (circa '92 and if we can find that information to provide the committee.
- Faust will try and follow-up with Jeff Lowry and obtain additional information on DMR-QA results to address the DMW vs MHSF topic.
- Pete will follow-up with Jim Lazorchak at EPA Cincinnati and see if he has a WET database that we can use to address Topic #1.

The meeting concluded at 2:00 pm EST after discussing our next meeting date and time. The next teleconference will be December 12, 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 | 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 | On-going | -- |
| 5 | Recommendation on combining DMW and MHSF DMR-QA data for specific test methods. | Whole committee | On-going | -- |

Attachment B

TNI WET FOPT SUBCOMMITTEE MEMBERS 2010-2012

| Member | Affiliation | Email | Phone | Category | Present on the Call Y / N |
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