

TNI Stationary Source Audit Sample Expert Committee Conference Call Summary January 5, 2009

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Review of summary for December 22nd meeting

The December 22nd meeting summary was approved as written (Gregg O'Neal motion/Jack Herbert second).

Chair Updates

Maria reviewed a few additional comments on the presentation for the Miami meeting:

- Add dates to slide for ongoing tasks in presentation.
- Add slide numbers and change font.
- EPA fiscal year starts October 1. There is a concern about whether the standards will be done by then since that is when program funding will cease. It will probably depend on how many comments the committee must respond to after the summer voting period.

It is not clear what is the deadline for comments for the FoPT tables – can the SSAS committee still make comments over the summer? The FoPT table process is different than the standards process, so additional changes should be able to be made. Questions are also coming up about the FoPT approval process – would NELAP have to approve the SSAS FoPTs since they approve other TNI FoPTs?

Also, the proposed SSAS program is not yet recognized in the TNI bylaws, which describes all the TNI programs and committees. The TNI bylaws need to be amended.

Comments on FoPT Tables

The group discussed some of the comments that have been shared between members of the regulatory agencies regarding the proposed FoPT tables. Michael Klein sent some comments on metals levels. Jack suggested the states look at their historical data and make recommendations on concentration ranges. Oregon's data are expressed in stack gas concentrations so he has to convert them to other units. Recommendations are due to Carl Kircher on Wednesday 1/7 for the next FoPT subcommittee call. It is not clear if the draft is intended to be finalized on Wednesday, or if more changes can be incorporated ahead of the TNI summer meeting.

Maria asked for a volunteer to summarize the comments for the FoPT subcommittee (Jack and Gregg will organize):

- use physical units to express sample versus stack gas concentrations

- comments on arsenic methods
- concentration ranges (based on historical data)

The committee discussed the benefits of expressing the units in one way versus another. There are advantages to carrying different methods of expression forward into the new program as a means of improvement, for example the measured value could be used for reporting, but stack gas concentration is useful for ordering samples. The committee needs to determine the best way to express the concentrations during different parts of the SSAS process and the tradeoffs to using each approach.

The next meeting is scheduled for **January 14, 2009 at 9:00 am EST during the TNI Forum on Laboratory Accreditation**. The three Working Draft Standards will be presented and discussed, and the committee will respond to comments from other participants at the session. Comments can also be submitted after the meeting until January 29. SSAS committee members should try to bring comments on the current drafts to the Miami meeting for discussion, but further revision of the documents will continue after the Miami meeting.

Following the Miami meeting, the SSAS committee will consider all comments expressed during the comment period and complete development of the Voting Draft Standards for voting during summer 2009. Regularly scheduled conference calls will continue.