

TNI Stationary Source Audit Sample Expert Committee Teleconference
July 18, 2011

Attendance:

Maria Friedman – Chair TestAmerica (Laboratory)	Committee member	present
Mike Hayes Linde (Provider)	Committee member	absent
Michael Klein New Jersey DEP (State government)	Committee member	present
Theresa Lowe CCI Environmental	Committee member	present
Gregg O’Neal, North Carolina DAQ (State government)	Committee member	present
Michael Schapira Enthalpy (Laboratory)	Committee member	present
Jim Serne TRC Solutions (Stationary Source Tester)	Committee member	present
Richard Swartz, Vice-chair Missouri DNR (State government)	Committee member	present
Stanley Tong EPA Region 9 (Federal government)	Committee member	absent
Ken Jackson TNI (Program Administrator)	Program Administrator	present
Ty Garber Wibby (Provider)	Associate member	present
Shawn Kassner ERA (Provider)	Associate member	absent
Mike Miller (Member at large)	Associate member	absent
William Mills Mills Consulting (NELAC Assessor)	Associate member	absent
William Daystrom TNI (Webmaster)	Guest	present
Charles Simon	Guest	present

- 1) Double-check receipt of documents to be referenced in this teleconference

All present confirmed receipt of the documents e-mailed July 15, 2011.

- 2) Review and approve minutes from teleconference on July 11, 2011

It was moved by Gregg and seconded by Jim to approve the July 11 minutes. All Committee Members present voted in favor. It was also noted that the previous minutes (June 27) had been approved by e-mail, with 5 Committee Members responding and all voting in favor.

- 3) Chair Update

Randy Query (A2LA) had told Maria it would not be a show-stopper if Method 25 was not included in the SSAS table. Providers will be accredited based on the current table, and then when Method 25 is updated, they will be asked for additional documentation to show they can meet the revised concentration levels and acceptance criteria.

Shawn had told Maria that ERA will follow up with A2LA and is ready to move forward with its accreditation. Ty Garber said Wibby has been told A2LA requires documentation that Wibby is working on. They will not need another on-site visit by A2LA.

4) Continue discussions re. SSAS Table

There had not yet been a vote by the subcommittee on its Method 25 task. The subcommittee is split on its proposal to the Expert Committee. It has been proposed that lab audits would be voluntary, that the lab would receive an audit cylinder like the one used in the field, and that the lab would then sample and analyze the tank and trap fractions from the lab audit cylinder. The intent would be to make the lab audit procedures as close to the field sample procedures as possible.

Charles asked whether there had been consideration of using audit samples as proficiency test samples to satisfy certification requirements. Michael Schapira said that proficiency testing was outside the scope of the audit program, and that Providers might find other ways to use the samples after having gone through the process of sample design and production.

Charles expressed concern over the high cost of about \$1000 per cylinder. Ty confirmed Wibby's costs will be similar, due to high production costs and low customer volume. Michael Klein suggested having just one cylinder, taking the sample for the field audit before the laboratory audit sample.

The subcommittee will have another conference call to reach a decision, but concerns have been expressed over the <100 ppmC, and even the <500 ppmC acceptance criteria, and they may be modified for low concentrations. Charles reminded the committee he has already volunteered his laboratory to generate new data to determine achievable acceptance criteria, but the Providers need to produce the samples.

Maria asked if anything else needs changing in the updated table, the footnotes having been already discussed during the last call. She emphasized that the committee should get the table finished before the Bellevue meeting. Implementation is expected in about 6 months, but perhaps this could be faster if A2LA can manage it; e.g., by starting with just a few of the methods.

5) Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 3 pm EDT.

The next meeting is scheduled for August 2, 2:00 - 3:30 pm EDT.

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