

TNI Stationary Source Audit Sample Expert Committee Teleconference
December 17, 2012, 2:00 PM, EDT

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
Paul Meeter Weston Solutions (Stationary Source Tester)	Committee member	Present
Gregg O’Neal, North Carolina DAQ (State government)	Committee member	Absent
Michael Schapira Enthalpy (Laboratory)	Committee member	Present
Jim Serne TRC Solutions (Stationary Source Tester)	Committee member	Absent
Stanley Tong EPA Region 9 (Federal government)	Committee member	Present
Ty Garber Wibby (Provider)	Associate member	Absent
Shawn Kassner ERA (Provider)	Associate member	Absent
Mike Miller (Member at large)	Associate member	Absent
Wayne Stollings (Triangle Env. Services)	Guest	Present
William Daystrom TNI (Webmaster)	Guest	Present
Charles Simon (VOC Reporting)	Guest	Present

The meeting was called to order at 1407 hours by the chair, Maria Friedman.

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

The working document for this call was re-sent at the start of the call since some participants were not sure if they had the correct version. All present confirmed receipt of the document e-mailed at the start of the call and labeled “M25 improvements doc for 12-17-12 TNI conference”

- 2) Review and approve minutes from teleconference on December 10, 2012.

Maria corrected the attendance list and the names of the potential providers mentioned in the “Chair Update” section. Charles will make the corrections and send out the amended minutes to Maria.

Update

Stan said he had spoken with EPA’s Emission Measurement Center staff and wanted to pass on a reminder that EPA is under no obligation to accept the committee’s recommendations to improve M25 and may take no action. EPA will need to evaluate the recommendations and will have the final say on any suggested language changes. The suggested changes will then need to go through a public comment period. Stan agreed with Charles that proposing an “Alternate Test Method” may be an easier way of introducing the improvements but there is still no guarantee of acceptance by EPA.

3) Review M25 Subcommittee recommendations

Mike Klein reiterated his comment from last week that the suggested language for filter requirement (Field Procedures, Item 1) be changed to clearly identify the different requirements for an M5 type filter for sources that emit VOC to the atmosphere, and a “GFF without specifications” for sources that do not emit VOC to the atmosphere but route the VOC to a control device for removal. Even with clarification, Mike does not think EPA will accept this change, nor does he agree with the recommendation for allowing different filters. Discussion of this topic was tabled until the next call when the language is updated.

There was brief discussion of Field Procedures, Items 2 and 3 after their reading followed by roll call votes. Both items passed with no dissensions or abstentions.

Field Procedures, Item 4 was then discussed. Paul asked if there was a sample point location requirement in M25 that would conflict with the probe extension requirement in this topic. Charles answered that there was only a requirement for the probe tip to be positioned in a location of average velocity, which should be easily achievable with an 18” long probe extension.

Stan asked if we could include empirical evidence to support the requirement for a small volume probe extension to be used for hot (>300°C) stacks. Charles answered that he only planned to submit thermodynamic tables of time and temperature for organic combustion in air, which should be sufficient.

There was no vote on item 4 as more information is needed. Paul will e-mail Charles with specific requests.

Our next teleconference is scheduled for Jan 7 or 8, 2013, depending on the timing of the EPA-QA teleconference. Mike Klein is not available on 1/7. Maria would like to discuss blank subtraction next and then take up with Laboratory procedures. The next meeting of the TNI-SSAS committee will be in Denver on 1/14/13 with a teleconference scheduled for 1/15/13.

Maria would like suggestions for a regulator to replace Richard Swartz. Charles said he would forward her a suggestion.

The meeting was adjourned at 1527 hours.