

**SUMMARY OF THE
TNI CHEMISTRY EXPERT COMMITTEE MEETING**

OCTOBER 21, 2016

The Committee held a conference call on Friday, October 21, 2016, at 2:00 pm EST. Chair Valerie Slaven led the meeting.

1 – Roll call

Richard Burrows, Test America (Lab)	Present
Francoise Chauvin, NYC DEP (Lab)	Absent
Brooke Connor (Other)	Absent
Eric Davis, Austin Water Utility (Lab)	Absent
Anand Mudambi, USEPA (Other)	Present
John Phillips, Ford Motor Co. (Other)	Absent
Scott Siders, PDC Labs (Lab)	Absent
Valerie Slaven, Teklab (Lab)	Present
Gary Ward, OR DPH (Accreditation Body)	Absent
Gale Warren, NYSDOH (Accreditation Body)	Present
Colin Wright, Florida DEP (Lab)	Absent
Ken Jackson, Program Administrator	Present

Associate Committee Members present: Arthur Denny; Deb Gaynor; Reed Jeffery; Shawn Kassner; Chuck Neslund.

2 – Minutes from the October 7 call

In the absence of a quorum, approval of the minutes was deferred.

3 – Consideration of Response to LASEC

Following discussion on the previous call, Richard had drafted an explanation of the committee's rationale in not requiring recovery in the on-going verification of LOQ. The committee worked through the document, with the intent to present it to the LASEC. On Ken's suggestion, the introductory paragraph was strengthened to make it clear any changes would be substantive and could not be considered editorial. In such a case, the committee would be required to begin development of a new standard. Other small editorial changes were made.

The committee's proposed response to the other issues raised by the NELAP Accreditation Council was also discussed. On Chuck Neslund's recommendation it was explained in more detail why MDL should be replaced by DL rather than by LOD, which is used for Currie's L_D by the Department of Defense. The clarifying language for section 1.5.2.1.1 c was discussed, and "multiple instruments" was changed to "each applicable instrument". In the discussion of exceptions to the rule that LOQ must be 3X the LOD, Francoise's suggestion of adding the language that the standard requirements can be superseded by state or federal mandated program or method was also added by Valerie to Section 1.5.2.1.3.

It was moved by Richard and seconded by Anand that Valerie be asked to send the modified standard and supporting documents on to the LASEC. All present were in favor and Valerie said she would send this out to the rest of the committee for e-mail vote.

4 – Next Steps

The Accreditation Council was scheduled to meet and discuss these issues on November 7, and Valerie and Richard said they would be on that call.

5 – Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 2:50 pm EDT.