NEFAP Executive Committee (NEFAP EC)
and Field Activities Expert Committee (FAC)

Meeting Summary
Virtual Conference
January 26, 2021

1. Roll call:

   Justin Brown (Chair, NEFAP EC) and Scott Haas (Chair, FAC) called the meeting to order on January 26, 2021 at 2pm Eastern. Voting Committee Members in attendance included: NEFAP EC - Jeremy Driver and Patrick Selig. FAC – Jack Denby and Marlene Moore. There were a total of 45 participants attending the meeting.

2. NEFAP EC

   Justin shared an overview of NEFAP (see Attachment A) and then shared the strategic plan that was submitted to the TNI Board of Directors.

   He also showed the metrics NEFAP will use to measure the status of the organization. There are many different ways to measure growth.

   Justin encouraged people to get involved in field.

   Comment: Look at Lead and Copper Rule. Have you thought about increasing participation through the implementation of the LCR rule?

3. FAC

   Scott noted it has taken a couple of years to get here and they are now ready to start writing new language into the Standard. It was a lot of work combining the old TNI 2014 Field Standard with the new ISO/IEC 17025:2017 language. The FAC is holding a public webinar on February 19, 2021, Friday, at 1pm Eastern.

   In preparation for the public webinar, the Committee developed a Summary of Recommended Changes table. A link to this document can be found on the TNI website in the NEWS section where the public webinar is being announced.

   There are 3 sections to the table –
   - New concepts
   - Additional ideas still under development

- New concepts coming from ISO 17025:2017

Scott asked for comments on the summary table and he made updates to the table as they were discussed.

Comments:

The Committee does plan to continue working on definitions.

Marlene noted that if there is anything people don't like about the 2014 Standard – this is your opportunity to ask to change it.

Item 5 – Jack confirmed this would be important.

Delete info about statistical method because it is already in the Standard.

There is a lot of interest in Sampling Plans. There is some work that doesn't use sampling plans, but there is work that does require it.

Personnel assignment and transport schedule changes depending on workload. Is this language necessary or can it be more generalized? Commenting on list under Sampling and Analysis Plan. Need to look at the level of detail in this section since not everyone works with sampling plans.

Should the Standard include possible modules?
Permit Work
DW Work
HW Work

Scott doesn't expect to see modules until the next Standard.

A little too detailed. The depth of the plan should be more flexible.

Item 6:
Need to follow client requirements for safety.
No detail. Safety is important, but the Standard is not the place to get specific.

Item 7
Ilona commented that QS is working on uniquely identifying a sample too. It could be helpful to see what they do. Issue is traceability.

Item 8
First bullet should be " … calibration or verification shall be maintained by the FSMO".

Will the equipment section have anything about rented and owned equipment? This needs to be clear. You don't see rental, but instead ISO/IEC calls it permanent control or not under permanent control. Section 6.4.2.

4. Next Meeting

The next regular meeting for the NEFAP EC will be on Wednesday, February 17, 2021 at 1pm Eastern by teleconference.

The next regular meeting for the FAC will be on Monday, February 1, 2021 at 11am Eastern by teleconference.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:30pm Eastern.

Forum on Environmental Accreditation

NEFAP EC/FAC Meeting

January 26, 2021
2:00 – 3:30 PM (est.)
Virtual Event

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NEFAP EC Mission

The mission of the NEFAP Executive Committee (EC) is to implement and oversee a national program for the accreditation of field sampling and measurement organizations (FSMO).

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NEFAP EC MISSION

The Executive Committee is committed to establishing and maintaining a program in support of the TNI FSMO Standards that will:

- Continuously improve the FSMO accreditation processes and;

- incorporate practical, effective, and clear standards of performance that are consistent with the needs of the environmental community.

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NEFAP EC Membership

17 Members
- 7 FSMO/Lab
- 3 ABs
- 5 Other

15 Associate Members

Ilona Taunton, Program Administrator

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Current NEFAP EC Membership

- Justin Brown (Chair), EMT, Inc.
- Tracy Szerszen (Vice-Chair), PJLA
- Paul Bergeron, LELAP
- David Fricker, A2LA
- Jeff Buystedt, City of Bend Environmental Compliance
- Elizabeth Turner, Pace Analytical
- Jeremy Driver, Alabama Power Company

- Jacob Gruzalski, ESI, Vitale Scientific Associates
- Pamela Hamlett, US Air Force
- Halley Dunn Hastings
- Suzie Nawikas, H&P Mobile Geochemistry, Inc.
- Patrick Selig, ANAB
- Stephanie Sparkman, CS Laboratories, Inc.
- Ryan Pangelinan, Oregon Health Authority
- Norman Rodriguez-Iglesias, EPA Region III
- Russel Schindler, SampleServ.com

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State of the Program

- Founded on sound premise of industry need
- Established and structurally sound program.
- Unique program/system for FSMO competency
- Standard based on ISO/IEC: 17025
- Field specific components to the program – truly designed for sample collection and measurements

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State of the Program

- Lack of name recognition in field industry
- Lack of driver (contractual or regulatory)
- Lack of tools or training for those unfamiliar with accreditation
- Struggled to gain widespread traction
  - -28 FSMO (14 domestic, 14 international)
- Needed to come up with a plan…

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Questions

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