

TNI Information Technology Committee Meeting Summary

January 19, 2012

1. Roll Call

Participants	Present
Caldwell, David	
Clark, Arthur*	X
Daystrom, William	X
DiRienzo, Bob	X
Fitzpatrick, Tim	
Friedman, Maria	X
Hickman, Dan	X
Kuhn, John	X
Morgan, Judy	
Parr, Jerry	
Pierrot, Rebecca	
Shepherd, Mei Beth	X
Starr, Rip	X
Varner, Pam	X
Ward, Keith	
Wlodarski, Jan	X

2. LAMS Update

CA has been added to our list of ABs. They have all their primaries in. We also have partials from FL – they are waiting for Dan to update 250 specific method codes so they can add them; and complete FOAs from MN, OR, NH, TX, VA, and Utah. We are making progress.

Dan is working with LA DHH and DEQ to get data updated. The rest are hoping to meet in Sarasota to see what we can do to get them onboard. There are a number of ABs that are either trying to use the MN database or are interested in using the MN database. This upload query would not be a big deal if we can get them onboard with that. IL, KS, PA are also looking at this as an option.

Dan has identified items in the database to be fixed and updated, and has provided a list to William.

Still need some input on some issues (Committee or AB/User community?) that are preventing us from completing data upload:

- Effluent toxicity method codes: Would like to assign method names and method codes as well as the date the analyte is in effect. No response back from the ABs.
- Methods that are modified/extended: Methods are modified if you add analytes, at which time there has to be a new code added for it. Thousands of codes would be added, but there would be no description of what's been added – it just indicates “modified.” Currently, it's the Standard that says it must be done.

- What to do with Standard Method Online Methods: EPA in the Fed Register made up a reference # by adding the method approval date to the end of the method. This is not recognized by Standard Method. These references don't actually exist. We are trying to work with Standard Method to get a list of all the standard methods and their approval dates.

Should we place them in LAMS as a searchable parameter? Yes, but the method with reference number does not really exist. But, that's what in the Register so that's what most ABs want labs to report to.

3. Method Codes for Standard Method Online Methods and WET Methods

WET Methods people are not hearing the request because it's not filtering down to them. Is there a subcommittee doing WET? Not aware of one. Getting push back from the AB species issue again. Need ABs to come to a consensus. Current decision is to leave them out of LAMS. Suggestion: Use a generic code with generic description and then call the labs for list of what they are?

4. Generic Lab Application

Is there anything the IT committee needs to talk about? No – there will be a meeting/discussion in Sarasota. We are exploring the feasibility of using the MN electronic application and working with them [legal business] to see if we can use it and what the cost would be. Susan Wyatt is the person that offered their database which has an electronic application built in.

How do we determine FOA for generic application? Two phases: Phase 1: Take all demographic and contact information and send it electronically to any of the ABs. This could allow for labs, which have applied to multi-ABs multi-times, to have all their data updated in one place.

Phase 2 – Pick an AB and get a list of their FOAs. Not all ABs are ready to do electronic FOAs and apps.

5. Next Call

February 16, 2012; 3:00pm EST.