

TNI Information Technology Committee Meeting Summary May 17, 2018

1. Roll Call

Participants	Present
Daystrom, William	X
Evans, Nick	X
Friedman, Maria	X
Harrison, Paul	X
Hickman, Dan	X
Kirkhman, Jennifer	
Parr, Jerry	X
Shepherd, Mei Beth (Chair)	X
Starr, Rip	X
Ward, Keith (Vice Chair)	X
Wlodarski, Jan	X

2. Approval of March 2018 Minutes

Motion to Approve: Maria Friedman

Second: Paul Harrison

Approved: Unanimous

3. Content Management System Update

Content Management System Update -- The migration from the old to the new system was completed last month (end of March). The new software is for the news and all the minutes being fed to the various committee pages. In the process, William made a few cosmetic changes to some of the pages along the way. He has also been adding "refinement" to the Google search (a search within a search). This provides options for locating your search term within other, more specific categories of documents such as presentations, spreadsheets, guidance documents, etc. William would love input for ideas for other categories to use. He will be building this on NEMC as well, which will make it easier to find papers and presentations. View this link to see how this works/is presented: <http://nelac-institute.org/content/search.php?cx=016299082515065827139%3Aqix4thjpejg&cof=FORID%3A11&ie=UTF-8&q=mdl&sa=Search&siteurl=nelac-institute.org%2Findex.php&ref=&ss=674j454276j2>.

4. Method Compendium Updates

Method Compendium -- Everything continues as usual. Method codes usually aren't posted until they are published. SW-846 methods can be incorporated even though they are out for comment.

The other thing that Dan doesn't have that he would like to have are the alternate test procedures. He doesn't want to indicate they are acceptable for use everywhere unless he has a letter that says that. So the method might be there, but it won't say "approved by EPA for use" because he doesn't have anything that tells him that.

5. SOP 1-109 / Method Codes Discussion

1. EPA's Drinking Water Office has started something called "Environmental Monitoring Data Portal". This is what they are going to require all states use to report drinking water data up the chain to EPA. As part of that, they have method codes for drinking water methods, in a very simplistic format – i.e., 200.7 – nothing about revision, nothing about date, because they said there was only one version out there. But that is not the case. Jerry and the Microbiology Committee have both had some good discussions with the Drinking Water Office; as well the EPA database people are very open to change. As a part of this, we may be able to convince them to use our method codes.

2. The Microbiology Committee had started looking at all the confusing method codes we have for the Micro methods, and the same EPA people got involved in that discussion. Dan was going to participate in their call last month, but the meeting was postponed and will be rescheduled.

(All of this has been happening at the Board level for the past few months.)

3. In addition, an AB(s) have requested some Whole Effluent Toxicity codes and Dan seems to be resistant to this. At the Board level, Aaren wondered who is in charge of this, who is responsible for deciding what gets a method code assigned to it. Jerry looked at this SOP and it says the "IT Committee"; and he is not sure that's appropriate since the IT Committee is not necessarily going to be the experts in every method.

This is what led Jerry to take language from SOP 1-109, that needs to be revised, and showing his edits/proposals for changes. Jerry has written this so that Dan makes the decision on method codes, and if he's not comfortable making the decision, he goes to the expert committee. It may be a good idea to have one other person in the group along with Dan, in case there is any question about the decision. Does this committee agree, philosophically with the approach outlined in Jerry's document? Yes. Jerry will make changes to the text indicating that if Dan has questions about a method code, he can a) let the IT committee know and seek input, and/or b) contact the expert committee for their assistance.

Jerry will come up with a red-line/strike-out version of the SOP showing these changes, as well as some additional changes that need to be made to this SOP, for the next meeting.

6. Next Meeting: June 21, 2018 at 3pm EST

Attachment 1
AB Status Update as of 05-17-18

AB	Labs	Latest	FOAs	Latest
A2LA	0		0	
ANAB	0		0	
FL	317	4/3/2018	0	
IL	31	12/30/2014	4257	7/19/2016
KS	59	4/30/2015	0	
LADEQ	53	4/6/2018	1059	2/14/2018
LADHH	2	1/31/2018	2305	4/30/2018
MN	66	8/21/2017	23900	4/3/2018
NH	56	1/3/2018	40505	1/3/2018
NJ	35	9/13/2017	50874	8/23/2017
NY	406	5/6/2018	0	
OK	0		0	
OR	131	2/24/2018	75889	2/23/2018
PA	38	4/25/2018	196528	3/29/2018
PJLA	0		156	12/28/2017
TX	159	4/24/2018	68769	4/24/2018
UT	71	3/16/2018	40020	5/9/2018
VA	56	5/14/2018	60903	5/14/2018