

Summary of the Laboratory Accreditation Body Expert Committee Meeting  
Monday, August 17, 2021 1 pm Eastern

1. Welcome and Roll Call

The Chair, Carl Kircher, called the meeting to order. Attendance is recorded in Attachment 1. The meeting agenda (Attachment 2) was approved by acclamation as presented. The minutes of August 2 were approved after a motion by Nilda and second by Socorro, with Bill abstaining due to his absence at that meeting.

2. SIR 413

This SIR (see Attachment 3) cited only V2M1 but, as V2M2 (the PT module) is the only place in the 2016 TNI Standard that mentions primary or secondary accreditations, the SIR Coordinator (with agreement from the Chairs who determine validity of SIRs) determined that it should be jointly responded to by both LAB and the PT Expert Committee.

There was a brief discussion with one committee member pointing out that V2M1 should be the place where requirements to report to LAMS are addressed, and another member objecting to the use of LAMS for listing accredited labs in the first place. Carl declared that to be an issue for future discussion and recommended that LAB's response to this SIR be that "V2M1 is silent".

Aaren moved and Socorro seconded that the wording of the response be approved as "V2M1 is silent in regard to requirements for any AB to use the national database, also known as the Laboratory Accreditation Management System or LAMS". All eight members present at that point in the meeting voted in favor, providing the required two-thirds majority approval.

3. Continued Consideration of Comments on the V2M1 Draft Standard

<u>Comment Number</u>	<u>Section Number</u>	<u>Proposed Decision</u> (P/NP/editorial as determined)	<u>Motion Made</u>	<u>Motion Seconded</u>	<u>Vote</u>
79	6.1.2.9.3	Persuasive, change wording slightly differently than recommended	Aaren	Bill	Unanimous

§6.1.2.9.1 – Assessor Competency, Comment #12 – it was determined during the conference session (August 2) to postpone this item until the end of comments.

§6.1.2.9.3 – Refresher Training for Assessors, Comment #79 – Aaren moved and Bill seconded that the comment be ruled persuasive and the wording of the note revised to read "The Accreditation Body may choose to require a written examination with a passing score as evidence for the ongoing (refresher) training of its assessors."

§6.1.2.9.2 – Assessor Training Requirements, Comments 29, 35, 47, 48, 49, 50, 82 & 87 – participants talked about the discussion during the conference session, and appeared to agree that commenters were assuming that the standard would require "TNI" courses, while TNI has declared that courses will not be developed until this standard is finalized and that TNI never had any intention to make its courses into sole source requirements.

Carl proposed that the committee approve the language offered by Jerry Parr in the conference session, to better explain this section, as follows:

6.1.2.9.2 ....These training courses shall include, but not be limited to:

- a) assessment to TNI EL V1 Modules 1 and 2 (proficiency testing and quality management systems)
- b) assessment to TNI EL Volume 1 modules 3 through 7 and any subsequent modules that may be developed

Bill moved for approval and Nilda seconded the motion. There was some formal discussion that commenters should be invited to discuss their comments with the committee and that adopting new language prior to a full understanding of the complete comments and all of the nuances behind them was ill advised, and Lynn noted that Jerry is not the expert, rather that role belongs to the committee itself. Jerry made no demand that his specific language be adopted. The vote was held with seven votes in favor and one opposed (one member had already departed the call).

Carl then recommended that comment #72 be determined non-persuasive. After some discussion, it became clear that this could not be resolved before the end of the meeting (2 pm, due to other commitments), so the further processing of comments on section 6.1.2.9.2 is postponed until the next meeting.

4. New Business

There was no new business. Mei Beth moved and Aaren seconded that the meeting be adjourned at 2 pm Eastern.

5. Next Meeting

The next teleconference meeting will be **Tuesday, September 21, 2021, at 1:00 pm Eastern.** An agenda and documents will be distributed prior to the meeting.

Attachment 1

LAB Expert Committee Roster

Name/Email	Term ends	Affiliation	Present?
Aaren Alger <a href="mailto:Aaren.s.alger@gmail.com">Aaren.s.alger@gmail.com</a>	1/30/2023	Other – Alger Consulting & Training	yes
Socorro Baldonado <a href="mailto:sbaldonado@mwdh2o.com">sbaldonado@mwdh2o.com</a>	1/30/2023 (1 <sup>st</sup> term)	Lab – Metropolitan Water District, La Verne, CA	Yes
William Batschelet <a href="mailto:wbatsche@aol.com">wbatsche@aol.com</a>	1/30/2022 (2 <sup>nd</sup> term)	Other – Retired from US EPA R8	Yes
Nilda Cox <a href="mailto:nildacox@eurofinsus.com">nildacox@eurofinsus.com</a>	1/30/2022 (1 <sup>st</sup> term)	Lab – Eurofins Eaton Analytical LLC	Yes
Catherine Katsikis <a href="mailto:catherinekatsikis@gmail.com">catherinekatsikis@gmail.com</a>	1/30/2022 (2 <sup>nd</sup> term)	Other – Laboratory Data Consultants	No
Carl Kircher, Chair <a href="mailto:carl_kircher@flhealth.gov">carl_kircher@flhealth.gov</a>	1/30/2022 (3 <sup>rd</sup> term, extended)	AB – Florida Department of Health	Yes
Marlene Moore <a href="mailto:mmoore@advancedsys.com">mmoore@advancedsys.com</a>	1/30/2022 (2 <sup>nd</sup> term)	Other – Advanced Systems, Inc., Newark, DE	No
Michael Perry <a href="mailto:michael.perry@lvvwd.com">michael.perry@lvvwd.com</a>	1/30/2023 (1 <sup>st</sup> term)	Lab – Southern Nevada Water Authority	Yes (arrived after SIR vote)
Zaneta Popovska <a href="mailto:zpopovska@anab.org">zpopovska@anab.org</a>	1/30/2022 (1st term)	AB – ANAB	Yes
Alia Rauf <a href="mailto:arauf@utah.gov">arauf@utah.gov</a>	1/30/2021 (2nd term)	AB – Utah Department of Health	Yes
Mei Beth Shepherd, Vice Chair <a href="mailto:mbshep@sheptechserv.com">mbshep@sheptechserv.com</a>	1/30/2022 (2 <sup>nd</sup> term)	Other – Shepherd Technical Services	Yes
Nicholas Slawson <a href="mailto:nslawson@a2la.org">nslawson@a2la.org</a>	1/30/2022 (1st term)	AB – A2LA	No
Program Administrator: Lynn Bradley <a href="mailto:Lynn.Bradley@nelac-institute.org">Lynn.Bradley@nelac-institute.org</a>	N/A		Yes
<b>Associate Members:</b>			
Yumi Creason <a href="mailto:ycreason@pa.gov">ycreason@pa.gov</a>		AB – Pennsylvania	Yes
Scott Haas <a href="mailto:shaas@etilab.com">shaas@etilab.com</a>		Lab – Environmental Testing, Inc., and Chair, FAC	No
Sviatlana Haubner <a href="mailto:Sviatlana.Haubner@cincinnati-oh.gov">Sviatlana.Haubner@cincinnati-oh.gov</a>		LAB – Cincinnati Metropolitan Sewer District	No
Paul Junio <a href="mailto:paulj@nslab.com">paulj@nslab.com</a>		LAB – Northern Lake Services	No
Bill Ray <a href="mailto:bill_ray@williamrayllc.com">bill_ray@williamrayllc.com</a>		Other – William Ray Consulting, LLC	No
Aurora Shields <a href="mailto:Aurora.Shields@kcmo.org">Aurora.Shields@kcmo.org</a>		Lab – KC Water	No
Ilona Taunton <a href="mailto:Ilona.taunton@nelac-institute.org">Ilona.taunton@nelac-institute.org</a>		Other – TNI Program Administrator	No

## **Attachment 2 – LAB Expert Committee Meeting Agenda, August 17, 2021**

- Welcome and Roll Call
- Approval of Agenda
- Approval of Minutes (August 2 conference minutes attached)
- Develop Response to SIR 413 (see attached SIR and email from Database Administrator)
- Resume Review of Comments on Draft Standard (see comments spreadsheet and current draft revision 1, attached)
- New Business, if any
- Adjourn

**Attachment 3 – SIR 413**

SIR 413 to LAB and PTEC, June 24, 2021

While this SIR was submitted with reference to V2M1, secondary accreditations are only mentioned in V2M2, so LASEC is requesting that LAB and PTEC coordinate a response to this SIR, and if necessary, coordinate any language that may need to be changed or added to the next revision of either module to address the resulting interpretation. Thank you.

<b>Standard</b>	2009 TNI Standard
<b>Volume and Module (eg. V1M2)</b>	V2M1
<b>Section (eg. C.4.1.7.4)</b>	8.2.1

**Describe the problem:**

The section states, "the accreditation body shall make publicly available information about the current status of the accreditations that it has granted to CAB's". The section does not distinguish between primary accreditation bodies and secondary accreditation bodies. 2009 TNI V2M2 Section 4.1.1.e states, "the primary accreditation body shall ensure the laboratory meets the proficiency testing requirements for initial and continued accreditation as specified in this Standard. In this capacity the primary AB shall have procedures in place to:"...."maintain the current accreditation status of laboratories in their program in the National Database, when the database is established". I would appreciate an interpretation regarding the responsibility of the secondary accreditation body to use or not to use the National Database also known as the Laboratory Accreditation Management System (LAMS) to provide information about the laboratories granted secondary accreditation.

**Committee Comment:**

**Response:**

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