

PT Expert

Minutes April 12, 2012

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Attendees

TNI Proficiency Testing Committee			
Committee Members 2012			
Member	Affiliation	Email	4/12/2012
Stephen Arpie	Absolute Standards, Inc.	stephenarpie@absolutestandards.com	x joined late
Stacie Metzler	Hampton Roads Sanitation District	smetzler@hrsd.com	x
Shawn Kassner	ERA-A Waters Company	skassner@era.qc.com	x
Scott Hoatson	Oregon DEQ	hoatson.scott@deq.state.or.us	x
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14 total voting members			12 present
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Item 1. SIR

Problem

V1M1 6.1b and V2M2 8.2.c

There is inconsistency between the use of analysis dates and closing dates for corrective action PTs between V1 and V2. This is causing ABs not to adopt 2009 TNI standard. Can TNI please provide SIR that will make these consistent?

V1M1 6.0 Requirements for Corrective Action

6.1 b *The laboratory shall ensure that there are at least fifteen calendar days between the analysis dates of successive PT samples for the same accreditation FoPT.*

V2M2 8.0 Requirements for Assessment of Corrective Action

8.2 c *There shall be at least fifteen (15) calendar days between the closing date of a previous study and the analysis date of any subsequent study for the same FoPT.*

PT Expert Committee Response:

There was an apparent oversight in the V2M2 section 8.2(c) requirements. Section V2M2 5.1.4 refers to time between analysis dates for *Initial Accreditation* and Section V2M2 5.2.1 refers to time between analysis dates for *Continuing Accreditation*. Both of these are consistent with the requirements in V1M1. Additionally, there is no reason why the requirement should be any different for PTs used for corrective action. It was clearly the intent of the standard to be consistent between the two modules and to be utilizing dates of analysis when evaluating PT studies submitted by laboratories. It is our opinion that the language that is in V1M1 6.1b was the intended requirement and should be utilized by the ABs as the requirement for V2M2 section 8.2(c).

We suggest that the Laboratories and ABs work together to establish better communications when a laboratory is going to be submitting corrective action PT results to an AB.

The above language was proposed. A motion was made by Shawn Kassner and seconded by Jim Todaro to accept the above language for SIR 185. Vote result: 11 were in favor, no negatives or abstentions.

Item 2 – Minutes from 4-5-12

A motion was made to accept the amendments by Scott Hoatson and seconded by Shawn Kassner. Vote result: no negative, one abstain, 9 positive (note that one person was late and did not vote.)

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Item 3 TIA WET

One comment of the TIA from Sarasota was an editorial fix for a reference in the standard. The second item was the fact that when the DMRQA is used for WET PT, it has a different closing date. However, all agreed that the same PTP evaluation criteria are used for the DMRQA and the same FOPT tables are used for WET TNI PT as for DMRQA.

The following was presented and discussed.

The language was present in the proposed TIA that went out for comment:

For Whole Effluent Toxicity Testing fields of proficiency testing, the study closing date shall be no more than ninety (90) calendar days after the opening date of the study.

Potential Change in wording to the above wording:

For Whole Effluent Toxicity Testing fields of proficiency testing, the study closing date shall be no more than ninety (90) calendar days after the opening date of the study or as stated by the DMRQA.

Note: The DMRQA WET undergoes the same generation and scoring process as the TNI-WET and the PT providers are accredited for the DMRQA using the same criteria.

After much discussion alternate wording was proposed and voted on and the note removed and the final wording below voted upon.

“For Whole Effluent Toxicity Testing fields of proficiency testing, the study closing date for non DMR-QA Studies shall be no more than ninety (90) calendar days after the opening date of the study. For DMR-QA Studies, the laboratory must meet the time frames as stated in the Announcement letter.”

Scott Hoatson moved to accept the final wording, Stacie Metzler seconded.

Results of the vote: 12 affirmative (one person joined between the SIR and TIA vote), 0 negative, 0 abstain; motion carried.

Scott Hoatson moved to add the same language to all three volumes to be sure that the labs, the ABs and PT providers/accreditors all understood the language. Seconded by Roger Kenton.

Results of the vote: 12 affirmative, 0 negative, 0 abstain; motion carried.

The SIR and the TIA are attached.

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The group is beginning to work on editing volume 3. The following writing assignments were made:

Section	Person	Date Due
Entire section 3	Mitzi	4/26
4	Kirsten	4/26
5	Jim	5/3
6	Shawn	5/3
7	Judy & Jeff	5/3
8	Rachel	5/10
9	Kirsten	4/26
10	Shawn	5/10
11	Scott	5/10

The group discussed removing appendix A and inserting words to the effect that ISO 17043 homogeneity/stability, and verification will be used. No vote was taken on this issue.