

**SUMMARY OF THE  
TNI LABORATORY PROFICIENCY TESTING EXPERT COMMITTEE  
MEETING**

**FEBRUARY 15, 2013**

The Committee met by teleconference on Friday, February 15, 2013, at 11:00 am EST. Chair Mitzi Miller led the meeting.

**1 – Roll call**

Fred Anderson, Advanced Analytical Solutions (Other)	Present
Stephen Arpie, Absolute Standards (Other)	Present
Kareen Baker, Veolia Water N. American (Other)	Present
Yumi Creason, PA DEP (AB)	Present
Rachel Ellis, NJ DEP (AB)	Present
Scott Hoatson, Oregon DEQ (AB)	Absent
Shawn Kassner, Phenova (Other)	Present
Roger Kenton, Eastman Chemical Co. (Lab)	Absent
Stacie Metzler, Hampton Roads San. Distr. (Lab)	Present
Mitzi Miller, Dade Moeller Assocs. (Chair; Other)	Present
Judy Morgan, Env. Science Corp. (Lab)	Absent
Virgene Mulligan, Amrad (Lab)	Present
Joe Pardue, P2S (Other)	Present
Jim Todaro, Alpha Analytical (Lab)	Absent
Lisa Touet, MA DEP (AB)	Present
Ken Jackson, Program Administrator	Absent

Associate Committee Members present: Susan Butts, SC DHEC; Audrey Cornell, ERA; Bob O'Brien, Sigma-Aldrich; Brian Stringer, ERA.

**2 – Previous Minutes**

The minutes of February 1, 2013 were amended to show Yumi was not present. With that change it was moved by Fred and seconded by Joe to accept the minutes. All Committee members present were in favor.

**3 – Consideration of Comments on the WDS**

**Group5**

Ken had been asked to re-word the committee responses to these comments (**Alger5, Westerman13, and Cairns17**). It was moved by Fred and Seconded by Shawn to accept them as written. All 9 present were in favor.

## **Group 21**

Susan presented **Westerman11**, which commented it no longer said PTs must be done twice per calendar year. The standards language had been changed to no more than every 7 months. Yumi said PA had been enforcing doing PTs every 5-7 months, as was stated in the 2009 standard, so the language would give them no problem. Shawn volunteered to ask Kathy Westerman to provide more detail on why the wording might be a problem for VA. **Westerman12** questioned why it was no longer required for a laboratory to report its PT result with the method used. Mitzi said V1 section 4.3.3 allows a laboratory to analyze and report a single method to represent a technology. Shawn said laboratories report methods all the time, so he does not see where there is a problem, but he will talk to Kathy. Virgene will also check if that language will be acceptable for Radiochemistry PTs. **Westerman14** is persuasive and the language has already been added to the section. For **Westerman16**, Mitzi explained the language allows you to report by either technology or method. If you just analyze a PT sample by one method and report by technology and fail, then you fail all methods you are accredited for under that technology. However, if you report by method and pass one and fail one under the same technology you only fail the one method. The response should say it is persuasive, but the Committee accepts the concept and has updated the language in V1M1 to allow the same concept, and refer to it in V2M2. Mitzi amended the wording in the response, and will circulate it to the committee. **Westerman17** is persuasive, and the language has already been revised.

It was moved by Shawn and seconded by Stacie to accept **Westerman14**, **Westerman16** (with revised language) and **Westerman17**. All 10 present were in favor.

## **Group 9**

**Wyatt5**, **Westerman2**, and **Alger13** are persuasive and required changes have been made to the standard.

It was moved by Fred and seconded by Joe to approve them. All 10 present were in favor.

The remaining Group 9 comments will be dealt with at the next meeting.

## **Group 16**

Steve will re-format the comment forms with his responses and will send out for discussion during the next call.

## **4 – Consistency Checking**

Scott, Judy and Shawn will meet soon to work through the re-written standard to assure all agreed changes have been made, and to perform QA on the document.

Shawn volunteered to collect all comments on V3, and Mitzi asked for them to be sent to him by Friday February 22, so they can be discussed on March 1. Mitzi is waiting to hear back from Matt Sica about the subcommittee for V4, and she will remind him.

Mitzi reported she is waiting for Jerry to advise how to best deal with **Alger9**.

## **5 – Next Steps**

During the next meeting (March 1, 2013), it is planned to finish Group 16, Shawn will report back on his actions items pertaining to Westerman11 and Westerman12, and discussion will start on V3 comments.

## **6 – Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 12:30 pm EST. The next meeting will be March 1, 2013.