

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

**MARCH 15, 2013**

The Committee met by teleconference on Friday, March 15, 2013, at 11:00 am EST.  
Shawn Kassner 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)	Absent
Yumi Creason, PA DEP (AB)	Present
Rachel Ellis, NJ DEP (AB)	Absent
Scott Hoatson, Oregon DEQ (AB)	Present
Shawn Kassner, Phenova (Other)	Present
Roger Kenton, Eastman Chemical Co. (Lab)	Present
Stacie Metzler, Hampton Roads San. Distr. (Lab)	Present
Mitzi Miller, Dade Moeller Assocs. (Chair; Other)	Absent
Judy Morgan, Env. Science Corp. (Lab)	Present
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	Present

Associate Committee Members present: Susan Butts, SC DHEC; Audrey Cornell, ERA;  
Brian Stringer, ERA.

**2 – Previous Minutes**

It was moved by Scott and seconded by Judy to approve the minutes of March 1, 2013.  
All Committee members present voted in favor.

**3 – Update on WDS comment Westerman12**

Shawn reported he had not yet spoken with Kathy Westerman and Virgene, so this item  
would be postponed until the next call.

**4 – Consistency Subcommittee**

It was reported that Scott, Shawn and Judy were working on a meeting schedule to  
review the volumes/modules.

## **5 – Volume 3 Comments**

Shawn provided an Excel file with comments that had been received. The PT providers who commented had mostly recommended moving towards the ISO 17043 requirements and Guide 34. This would remove the TNI specificity on determination of stability and homogeneity. There was some discussion, with differing opinions, on whether the TNI standard or ISO 17043 is more stringent. It was explained that ISO 17043 provides several ways to determine stability and homogeneity while the TNI standard locks the providers into following just one of those ways. Judy was concerned with lack of uniformity if providers are using different ways, and Roger asked what assurance laboratories would have that homogeneity and stability testing would be done at a sufficient level by all PT providers. Steve countered that different ways are already being used in such as the manufacture of soil PTs. It was stressed that many TNI-specific requirements would have to remain in the standard as well as the ISO 17043 requirements. It was also discussed whether all PT providers are ISO 17043 accredited, as well as being TNI accredited. If not, this could be a barrier if any of them resist getting the ISO accreditation. It was believed, however, that both A2LA and ACLASS automatically accredit to ISO 17043 when they provide TNI accreditation.

It was decided the committee would have to review ISO 17043 and Guide 34 before a decision could be made.

## **6 – Next Steps**

Shawn volunteered to ask Jerry Parr if TNI can obtain copies of ISO 17043 for those committee members who do not already have it. It will also be checked whether all PT providers are currently accredited to ISO 17043. On the next call, the committee will work through the Volume 3 comments, and Shawn asked everyone to study them in advance.

## **7 – Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 12:00 pm EST. The next meeting will be March 29, 2013.