

TNI PT Executive Committee Meeting Summary

May 19, 2011

1) Roll call and approval of minutes:

Chairman Eric Smith called the TNI PT Executive Committee meeting to order on May 19, 2011, at 1 PM EST. Attendance is recorded in Attachment A – there were 7 Executive Committee members present on the call. Associate members Nicole Ciairins (NY State), Mike Weisrock (ACLASS), Patrick Brumfield (RTC), Carrie Miller (EPA), Stephen Arpie, Randy Querry, and Aruna were present. Paul Cestone and Shawn Kassner were also present.

2) PTPA – Database Recommendation

The recommendation was forwarded to the TNI Board on April 7th by Eric.

3) Protozoa FoPT Subcommittee

The group will be meeting on Monday, May 23rd at 10am EST.

4) CSDB Request Regarding WET

Eric has not heard anything back from the NELAP AC. It may be a month before anything official is sent back. In the mean time the WET table will remain posted on the TNI website.

The WET subcommittee is continuing to move forward on the WET FoPT table.

5) Lead FoPT Subcommittee

The following request was made by the Lead FoPT Subcommittee:

To the TNI FoPT committee members, care of Eric Smith,

The EPA/TNI subcommittee, established Feb 2010, was formed with the goal of developing an FoPT table for Pb samples for 3 matrices, soil, dust wipes and paint film for use by field sampling measurement organizations to recommend to your committee.

The EPA/TNI subcommittee is comprised of federal and state government members, private and nonprofit environmental research and sampling, and laboratory service members as well as environmental sampling equipment manufacturers. The subcommittee was open to participants with an interest or stake in defining and using the Pb sample FoPT table being developed by the subcommittee.

After reviewing a variety of data sources, such as data collected by EPA, AIHA through the ELPAT program, HUD, and other sources, the subcommittee developed the FoPT table for your consideration.

The lead FoPT table represents the results of the scrutiny, debate and consensus of our subcommittee, with a special acknowledgment to Shawn Kassner of ERA for his contribution of statistical analysis of the collected data and the development of the recommended FoPT standards.

Please find attached for your review the subcommittees recommended standards for the Pb FoPT table.

With regards,

*Paul Cestone, Chair
EPA/TNI Pb FoPT Table Development Subcommittee
US EPA, Natl Pgrm Chem Division, Pb Program*

Paul provided a summary of the tables that were forwarded to the Executive Committee Members. He also provided history and a summary of the people who were involved in the establishment of the table.

Andy commented that the limits were 20% on soil. He thought these might be tighter than what is normally seen. Shawn noted that the data came from 2 years of study data from AIHA.

Stacie made a motion to accept the table provided by e-mail. The motion was seconded by Carl.

Eric suggested a friendly amendment. Kirstin had raised some concerns about using the term Fields of Proficiency testing. It is a NELAP term. The Committee did not express an interest in changing the term, so Eric recommended leaving it the same. There was agreement on the call.

Vote:

Eric – For

Justin – For

Gary – For
Carl – For
Stacie – For
Joe – For
Andy - For

The NEFAP program needs to put a process in place to approve the FoPT table. Marlene is working on this. Their next meeting will be 5/26/11.

There was a discussion on effective date. The date should be within the first quarter of 2012.

6. Bellevue Meeting

Eric asked for input on the agenda for the Bellevue meeting.

- Present FSMO FoPT Table.
- Update of NPW table? DW table? SCW Table?
- SOP for adding analytes. FoPT Management SOP. (Eric would like to see draft go to NELAP AC before August meeting.)

7. SCW FoPT Table Update

Eric sent an email on 4/29 with the revised cover letter and table to the NELAP AC.

The primary change was to remove TPH from final table. This review is just the addition of the former experimental table that passed criteria.

Andy raised the issue that some of the additional analytes may cause co-elution problems. There is a footnote for the cresols. The PT providers have been allowing labs to report some co-eluting analytes together. Gary asked if the lab is then only accredited for reporting the analytes as co-eluting. Andy noted that he is accredited for the individual analytes – not co-eluting. More discussion is needed on this topic, but Eric did not feel it should be a problem to proceed with a vote on the current table. It will be placed on the back burner table and will be addressed before the NPW table is presented to the PT Executive Committee.

Gary had to leave the call.

Eric asked if the group was ready to vote.

A motion was made by Carl to approve the SCW FoPT Table presented by Chemistry FoPT subcommittee with the additional experimental analytes and forward it the NELAP AC. The motion was seconded by Joe.

Vote:

Eric – For

Justin – For

Carl – For

Joe – For

Andy - For

The vote will be completed by e-mail.

7. DW Table DRAFT

Eric forwarded the NELAP AC comments to the Chemistry FoPT Subcommittee. Responses were shared.

Would the committee like to revise the table to meet the 20% criteria for volatiles above 10 ug/L. Carl would prefer that naphthalene not be included in this change since it is not affected by the NY criteria. NY does not have unregulated. They are all regulated.

There was an issue associated with asbestos. There were two providers and preparation was different. Eric received an update last Friday to the table and the footnotes. The committee would like to review the table for asbestos.

Eric will update the table based on the VOC and asbestos discussion above. Eric will send it out to the subcommittee before the next call.

8) FoPT Table Management SOP Subcommittee

Eric sent an update April 6th to the subcommittee members. Contact Eric if anyone else would like a copy.

Eric asked for comments. None have been received at this point. Please review and send comments by e-mail.

The next step is preparation of an analyte request application. The subcommittee will prepare a draft for review by the PT Exec committee. This should be ready for review at the June meeting. It will then be shared with the NELAP AC and NEFAP Exec Committee before the Bellevue meeting.

9) Review Open Action Items

Updated in table.

10) New Business

Brenda has resigned from the committee due to a job change. Nicole has applied to be a part of the committee. Eric will distribute the application and it will be voted on at the next meeting.

11) Next Meeting

The next meeting of the PT Executive Committee will be in June 16, 2011.

Action Items are included in Attachment B and Attachment C includes a listing of reminders.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:26. (Motion: Joe Second: Andy Unanimously approved.)

Attachment A

Participants TNI Proficiency Testing Executive Committee

Members	Affiliation	Contact Information
Eric Smith, Chair (2010) Present	TestAmerica Laboratories, Inc.	615-726-0177 x1238 eric.smith@testamericainc.com
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Steve Gibson (2011) Absent	Texas Comm. on Env. Quality	512-239-1518 jgibson@tceq.state.tx.us
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Carl Kircher (2010) Present	Florida DOH	904-791-1574 carl_kircher@doh.state.fl.us
Stacie Metzler (2009) Present	HRSD	757-460-4217 smetzler@hrsd.com
Joe Pardue (2011) Present	Pro2Serve, Inc.	423-337-3121 joe_pardue@charter.net
Dr. Andy Valkenburg (2011) Present	Energy Laboratories, Inc.	avalkenburg@energylab.com 406-869-6254
Curtis Wood (2010) Absent	Environmental Resource Associates	303-431-8454 cwood@eraqc.com

Attachment B

Action Items – TNI PT Executive Committee

	Action Item	Who	Expected Completion	Actual Completion
151	Follow-up on PTPA SOP with Policy Committee.	Ilona	1/20/11	Will have group review the new one that is being workd on instead. Remove from Action Items.
161	Complete vote on FSMO FoPT Table.	Eric	Next Meeting	
162	Complete vote on SCW FoPT Table.	Eric	Next Meeting	
163	Distribute updated DW table to subcommittee for review.	Eric	Next Meeting	
164	Distribute Nicole's information to EC for consideration.	Eric	Next Meeting	
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Attachment C

Backburner / Reminders – TNI PT Executive Committee

	Item	Meeting Reference	Comments
6	DW Table Micro Total Coliform Rule Request	10/15/09	9 out of 10 vs. 10 out of 10
7	Add the Field PT Subcommittee to the limit update SOP during its next update.	3/4/10	
8	Implement all policies and procedures necessary for operation and continual improvement of a national PT program – including FoPTs for various matrices, stakeholders and accreditation programs. (Need to update SOPs – including an appeals process) – Complete by 7/1/11.	10/21/10	From 2010 Strategic Plan Review
9	Implement a process to periodically evaluate the effectiveness of the PT provider oversight program and the Fields of Proficiency Testing. Complete by 6/1/11.	10/21/10	From 2010 Strategic Plan Review
10	Define a process for addition or removal of analytes from FoPT tables. Complete by 7/1/11.	10/21/10	From 2010 Strategic Plan Review
11	Evaluate how labs are accredited for analytes that co-elute.	5-19-11	