

Summary of SIR Subcommittee Meeting

November 21, 2019

Present: Judy Morgan, Gail Warren, Silky Labie, Bill Hall, Harold Longbaugh, Lynn Bradley

Six SIRs were reviewed, as follows:

SIR 282 – Silky noted that this interpretation is what the standard was intended to say. All agreed that it is ready to be posted for AC vote.

SIR 297 – revise the final paragraph as follows and post for vote. The revision will be returned to Chemistry FYI.

The standard does not require ongoing DOC to be matrix-method-analyte combination specific. However we have expanded and clarified the response ~~to the best of our ability~~ and do intend to revise the DOC section of the standard in the next version. ~~revision. The input from the ABs has already been requested and received on this and continued input will be sought so that the standard can be modified to a procedure that is believed to be adequate by the ABs in the next revision.~~

SIR 339 – Silky provided background from her time as Chair of Quality Systems. The IDOC was needed from every analyst for a first accreditation. When the lab never needed and IDOC previously but the method was in use, long term, an ODOC would be adequate. However, if a new analyst or analyte is present, an IDOC then becomes a requirement. All agreed, post for AC vote.

SIR 340 – the last sentence in the response implies that the TNI Standard must be met but an MDL does not need to meet the standard if the method requires something else. An additional sentence should be added to the response, saying “However, if you are required by the method to use the 40 CFR 136(b), then the EPA method must be used, per the first sentence of V1M4 §1.5.2.1”. This SIR will be posted for vote but also returned to Chemistry for their opportunity to object to this modification. Bill abstained from this decision.

SIR 355 – response approved. Post for vote.

SIR 362 – return to LAB committee for reconsideration. Extending the time period allowed by the standard, as proposed in the response, could add up to three additional days. Additionally, it is critical to ensure that labs are treated the same way as ABs with regard to deadlines.

The next SIR Subcommittee meeting will be scheduled when there are more SIRs to review. The next regularly scheduled date would be Tuesday, January 28, 2020, at 12:30 pm Eastern. However, Lynn will be travelling on that date, so that a different scheduling may be needed.