TNI Stationary Source Audit Sample Expert Committee Conference Call Summary
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Review of September 22nd meeting summary

The September 22th meeting summary was approved as written.

Development of Working Draft Standard

Shawn Kassner and Stan Tong forwarded proposed revisions for the group to consider. Shawn reviewed his proposed changes to 8.2. The group discussed the following points to 8.2.2 c), along with Stan's proposed change to this section:

- Results of the audit sample should be provided no later than the field test sample. A report should be generated that includes all results to be included in the database, including QC results to determine validity of the audit.
- Stan's proposed period of 120 days allows for reasonable delays in the processing of the audit sample, such as seasonal issues. This is an issue that should be considered by the source when ordering the audit sample. Information on stability should be provided to the purchaser to ensure the viability of the sample for the potential length of time it will take for the conduct of the test.
- The regulatory agency may specify the period within which the audit sample must be analyzed. A new sample may be needed if the audit sample is not analyzed within this period and the tester did not confirm sample stability with the SSA provider.

Section 8.2.1 discussion:

- Should the standard include the requirement for the source facility to notify the regulatory agency that the sample has been ordered? Who does the ordering? It must include the regulatory agency since they determine which type of sample is needed and at what concentration. The group also needs to consider how this will work with multiple providers and multiple regulatory agencies participating in the program.
- Currently the program double-blinds the samples, and this is an aspect that should be maintained. The committee needs to discuss guidance as to how the sample concentration will be chosen. The regulatory agency wants to pick the concentration but the facility is ordering the sample.
- Some states may want the sample ordering information earlier in the process than others – this may be handled by each state individually.

- The SSAS program database needs were discussed. This is likely to be a much different type of database than the one under development by TNI. It needs to be interactive in terms of the information available to different users, e.g. the lab can access the certified value and acceptance criteria, but the sample identifier will be masked.
- The group will need to determine how data need to be reported, to whom, and at what points in the process.
- Shawn and Chuck Wibby will propose further changes to 8.2.1 based on the SSA provider perspective.

Jane will update the draft based on today's discussion and provide to the group for use in off-line discussions. On the next call the group will discuss the need for a face-to-face meeting to help move the drafting process along faster.

Next meeting is scheduled for October 20, 2008 3:00 pm EDT.