

**SUMMARY OF THE
TNI ASBESTOS EXPERT COMMITTEE MEETING
April 15, 2026**

The Committee met by teleconference on Wednesday, April 15, 2026 at 1:00 PM EDT. The meeting was led by Chair Robert Hecker. The call was recorded for the sole purpose of preparation of a meeting summary by the Program Administrator and will be deleted immediately after preparation of said minutes.

Roll call

Lisa Beach, Bureau Veritas (Lab)	Present
Tina Sidel, Pace Analytical Services (Lab)	Present
Michelle McGowan, EMSL Analytical (Lab)	Absent
Kathleen Bartley, Vice-Chair, NYSDOH (AB)	Present
Megan Fisher, Eurofins (Lab)	Absent
Kyle Kroeze, NJDEP (AB)	Absent
Maria Friedman, CA Water Board (AB)	Absent
Tammy Kreutzer, NRC Labs (lab)	Present
Robert Hecker, Chair, NYSDOH (other; PTP)	Present
Robert Wyeth, Program Administrator	Present

A quorum was present, and the meeting proceeded.

Review and Approval of Agenda

The agenda is presented in Attachment 1. The agenda was approved by unanimous consent.

January Minutes Approval

The January 21, 2025 minutes of the committee were previously distributed for review and comment. After minor editorial corrections, a motion by Tina and a second by Kathleen, the minutes were unanimously approved. Minutes will be forwarded to William for posting.



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**Review §7.4.5.a; Blank Slide Requirement
SRM availability Guidance Document**

The committee received a query as to the intent of §7.4.5.a of module 3. The committee believed that the blank slide requirement, similar to method blank analyses in chemistry, should be completed on each day of analysis or after every 50 analyses. The committee further believes that the current language is unclear and that, particularly in laboratories that perform lesser number of analyses, the blank requirement may be interpreted to be simply every 50 samples which could span many days of small sample batch analyses. The committee thinks this is a significant

potential issue that needs to be addressed. If and/or when an SIR is submitted, actions by the committee may explain but cannot rectify the situation.

Following discussion of the SRM unavailability issue, committee decided to reopen the module and clarify the blank situation and revise language in the module regarding SRMs or develop an Annex for this latter purpose. It was the feeling of the committee that considering the implementation of the new Standard would likely be upon the completion of the revisions of most if not all the volumes and modules, that there was sufficient time to complete a module 3 revision as the changes and the subsequent review and comment would be relatively simple and straight forward.

The motion to reopen the module was proposed by Tina, seconded by Kathleen, and unanimously approved by the committee. A Notice of Intent will be prepared and submitted to the CSDP EC.

On-going Meeting Schedule

During previous asbestos expert committee meetings, the option of utilizing a quarterly meeting schedule was discussed. Considering the motion to re-open the module, the schedule will remain monthly.

Old/New Business

No new or old business was presented.

The meeting adjourned at 1:45 PM ET. The next scheduled meeting of the Asbestos Expert Committee is May 20, 2026 at 1:00 PM ET.

Attachment 1

TNI Asbestos Testing Expert Committee (ATEC) Conference Call Committee Meeting Wednesday, April 15, 2026, 1:00 PM ET

Robert Hecker, Chair
Kathleen Bartley, Vice-Chair

AGENDA

- Roll call
- Review and Approve Agenda
- January minutes review

- Review §7.4.5.a; Blank Slide Requirement
- SRM availability Guidance Document
- On-going meeting schedule
- Old/New Business

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