TNI Board of Directors Meeting Summary
July 8, 2026

ROLL CALL

Directors	Present	Staff	Present
Aaren Alger		Paul Junio	X
Steve Arms	X	Jerry Parr	X
Justin Brown		Ilona Taunton	X
Kristin Brown		Janice Wlodarski	X
Robin Cook	X	Bob Wyeth	
Maria Friedman			
Susan Jackson	X		
Jessica Jensen			
William Lipps	X		
Harold Longbaugh	X		
Judy Morgan	X		
Prem Parmar	X		
Stephanie Rippeon	X		
Patsy Root	X		
Valerie Slaven			
Alfredo Sotomayor	X		
Tracy Szerszen	X		
Michelle Wade	X		
Past Chair			
Sharon Mertens	X		

AGENDA

1.0 Review of Agenda and Consent Agenda

- Agenda Approved: 7/8/2026
- Consent Agenda Approved: 7/8/2026

2.0 August 2026 BOD Call

There will not be a Board of Directors call in August.

3.0 Feedback Task Force

Two meetings ago, in May 2026, we decided not to reissue the survey. Ideas regarding next steps and how to deal with requesting valid feedback and things that come up such as an ombudsman, a special line that people could use that’s confidential, administered by a third party, and some other ideas were then discussed.

Out of this a group of people volunteered to take the information from the survey , consider these other ideas about how to obtain feedback from our membership and then come up with a proposal for the board. Aaren, Lynn, Alfredo, Kristen, Paul Valerie were the original participants in the group. The next group includes
Judy, Stephanie, Paul, Ilona, Robin, Jerry and Sharon and Alfredo.

The group will meet the 2nd Wednesday of August at 1pm EST.

CONSENT AGENDA

1.0 Approval of May Minutes

2.0 Update on Standards Development

New drafts of Modules 2 and 5 of the laboratory standard were posted recently. This table was prepared to provide a status report and will will be updated as monthly.
7/8: No change from June. Module 7 expected soon.

Standard	NOI	DS/Sum	RDS/R2C	FS/R2C	FSA
ELV1M1					
ELV1M2					
ELV1M3				7/25/23	
ELV1M4					
ELV1M5			6/1/26		
ELV1M6				1/26/23	
ELV1M7					
ELV2M1					
ELV2M2					
ELV3					
ELV4					
FSMOV1					11/10/25
FSMOV2					

Key
NOI – Notice of Intent to modify a standard.
DS/Sum – Draft standard and summary of changes posted.
RDS/R2C – Revised draft standard and Response to comments posted
FS/R2C – Final standard approved by CSDP and final Response to Comments posted.
FSA – Standard adopted by program with an implementation date.

3.0 Quarterly SIR Report

In Q2 2026, 2 SIRs were received and forwarded to the Expert Committee, 2 SIRs were received that were ruled to not be an SIR, and 2 are awaiting a decision. 1 SIR was withdrawn by the submitter.

SUMMARY

SIR Category	#
Total number received (All time)	540

Total number received (Q2 2026)	6
Number unresolved	9

The total number of SIRs submitted is 539. SIR updates (or SIRs pending completion) during Q2 2026 are as follows:

SIR #	Date	Subject	Status
499	9/12/24	Do preservatives need to be included in method blanks and associated laboratory fortified samples? For further information to consider, please note the following: The definition of Laboratory Fortified Sample (however named) in the TNI Standard is - A sample matrix, free from the analytes of interest, spiked with verified known amounts of analytes or a material containing known and verified amounts of analytes and taken through all sample preparation and analytical steps of the procedure unless otherwise noted in a reference method. It is generally used to establish intra-laboratory or analyst specific precision and bias or to assess the performance of all or a portion of the measurement system. Analytical methods have separate sections that outline the requirements for sample preparation and analysis, and those sections are separate from those that discuss sample preservation. In terms of specific methods, EPA 524.2 requires that the LFB be preserved (see Section 7.8.2). EPA 624.1 doesn't address preservation in its preparation of a QC Check sample (see Section 8.4.1). Neither SW846-8260D, 8000C, nor 5000 address preservation of the LCS. If the LCS were required to be preserved, it would be noted as in EPA 524.2.	No, the standard does not require method blanks or laboratory fortified blanks (however named) to have the preservatives added to them; unless the method specifically requires it. *[this is under additional discussion]*
529	2/13/26	The standard requires the method blank and Laboratory Control Sample to be processed along with and under the same conditions as the associated samples to include all steps of the analytical procedure. Does this imply that if samples within a single batch undergo different processing steps, multiple MBs and LCSs are required? For instance, if only some samples in a batch require filtration due to particulate matter, must an MB and LCS be analyzed both with and without filtration?	Sent to Chemistry Committee
531	2/26/26	Does the statement whichever is less, mean the laboratory may only analyze one daily blank for PLM friable materials even if there are more than 50 samples analyzed in one day? A daily blank may be considered "less" than having to analyze every 50 samples.	Sent to Asbestos Committee
532	3/5/26	The language for friable blank requirements has been interpreted multiple ways, and my lab is needing to implement these blanks correctly, using programmed LIMS-generated QC rate. Please clarify this sentence: "Friable Materials. At least one (1) blank slide shall be prepared daily or with every fifty (50) samples analyzed, whichever is less." Does this apply to every 50 samples total or every fifty friable samples, and when the lab analyzes more than 50 samples daily, is the minimum requirement a daily blank (as seems indicated by the "whichever is less" clause) or after every 50 samples (total or friable)?	Sent to Asbestos Commitee

4.0 [Reserved]

5.0 CONSENSUS STANDARDS DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM (CSDP)

5.1 CSDP Executive Committee

2026 Objectives	Status
Continue to develop policies and procedures that guide standards development to ensure full compliance with all relevant TNI requirements for Expert Committee operations and standards development.	2/11: Continue to provide monitoring and oversight of standards development by expert committees. 7/8: Announced potential re-naming of TNI Volume 1 and discussed structure of EL V1 expert committees relative to QMS. 7/8: Approved NOI for Asbestos Testing Expert Committee.
Ensure consistency and uniformity between Volumes and Modules of the Standard	2/11: Reviewing DS from expert committees to ensure consistency and lack of conflict. 3/11: Prepared/submitted comments on Draft Standards. 4/8 Temperature at Receipt requirements removed from EL V1M2 and deferred to expert committees (EL V1M3-7) who all reported requirements covered in their respective modules.
Provide technical and administrative assistance, guidance documents, checklists, and other tools to facilitate the implementation of all Standards.	
Provide opportunities for stakeholder involvement throughout the development process and assist Expert Committees in dissemination of pertinent information and responses to comments.	2/11: Advised committee chairs that standards naming convention (previous approved) was undergoing further potential revision
Continue the Standards revision process, including assuring a 'big picture' review prior to any Module becoming final	
Administrative Activities	2/11: Reviewed expert committees' election of 2026 leadership roles. Review and approved 3rd term request(s). 3/11 preparing for election of Vice Chair. A number of requests for term extensions on expert committees reviewed and approved. New expert committee members approved. 4/8 Debbie Bond elected as Vice Chair of CSDP EC. Nicole Cairns welcomed to executive committee. Third Term approvals for LAB and Radiochemistry Chairs. 5/13 revision of Chair/Member training being developed for implementation. 6/10 The CSDP EC has not met since the last BoD meeting but activities primarily DS and RDS reviews continue.

5.2 Asbestos Expert Committee

2026 Objectives	Status
Continue to develop and maintain consensus standards for asbestos testing that are practical, implementable, and meet the needs of the environmental testing community while providing data of known and documented quality.	2/11: EL V1M3 waits implementation by ABs. Removed any special requirements for Technical Specialist and will advise QMS expert committee. 6/10: Notice of Intent submitted to CSDP EC for review and approval; await response. 7/8 The June meeting was unexpectedly canceled. The committee, based upon approval of the NOI, will review proposed language changes regarding blanks and SRM during the 7/15 meeting.
Pursue adoption and implementation of Module 3 in NELAP.	
Serve as a technical resource regarding TNI members and other interested parties.	5/13 Committee continuing to work on SRM guidance document. Inquiry, not SIR, presented regarding Blank Slide Requirements in §7.4.5.a. Committee believes significant issue and requires clarification. Plan to re-open EL V1M3 to provide needed clarification and also address SRM unavailability issue. NOI to be submitted to CSDP EC for approval.
Develop technical assistance, guidance documents, checklists, and other tools as needed to facilitate the implementation of the new Standard including providing a webinar/webcast on the changes for the previous version.	2/11: Continuing to develop Implementation Guidance for SRM equivalency. 3/11 Continues to develop strategies for unavailable SRM required by EL V1M3. Guidance document anticipated.
Develop questions and training to assist the credentials efforts.	
Respond to SIRs as necessary.	
Administrative Activities	2/11 Leadership roles remain unchanged. Committee balanced with one new associate. 4/8 Committee returning to Quarterly meeting cycle. Work Group on SRM guidance document will proceed until draft prepared for committee review.

5.3 Chemistry Expert Committee

2026 Objectives	Status
Continue to develop and maintain consensus standards for chemical testing that are practical, implementable, and meet the needs of the environmental testing community while providing data of known and documented quality. Finalize EL V1M4 and pursue adoption and implementation.	2/11: EL V1M4 published for public comment and comment period has closed. 505 comments received (many editorial and/or duplicative) and committee processing comments. Persuasive comments have been determined, and a revised DS will be forthcoming. 3/11: Committee continues to review comments and draft revised language to address persuasive comments. Reworking document to comply with SOP 2-103. 4/8 Committee continues to review comments and draft revised language to address persuasive comments.

	Numerous comments resolved and recorded. 5/13: Continues to review comments and draft revised language to address Committee persuasive comments. Numerous comments resolved and recorded. 6/10: Continues to review comments and draft revised language to address Committee persuasive comments. Numerous comments resolved and recorded. 7/8: Continues to review comments and draft revised language to address Committee persuasive comments. Numerous comments resolved and recorded.
Provide technical assistance in implementation of the Standard including providing a webinar/webcast on the changes for the previous version.	4/8 Language harmonization with QMS changes to definitions in EL V1M2. 5/13 Harmonization issue tabled until comments resolved.
Serve as a technical resource regarding chemical testing to TNI members and other interested parties.	
Support the Credentialing effort.	
Develop technical assistance, guidance documents, checklists, training. and other tools as needed to facilitate the implantation of the new Standard.	2/11: Guidance documents anticipated but not yet defined
Respond to any SIRs as necessary.	2/11: Awaiting resolution from LASEC/AC on 2 outstanding SIRs
Administrative Activities	2/11: New committee leadership (Nicole Cairns) in place and 3 new associates added, 5 members rotating off the committee. Election of new members scheduled for March meeting from 13 candidates. Balance will be maintained. 3/11: New members elected and approved by CSDP EC. Committee census at 15 members with balance and lack of dominance. Associate members confirmed. 3 New Associates joined the committee. 4/8 New members welcomed. 2 additional Associates added to committee. 5/13 New Associates members added to the committee.

5.4 Field Activities Expert Committee

2025 Objectives	Status
Complete revisions to Volume 2.	2/11: Committee is expecting to finalize the Draft Standard for Committee vote. The Summary of Changes will then be completed, and the Standard will be posted for comment late February/early March. 3/11: Additional comments are being resolved. The Committee will be meeting later this month to review the additional updates for vote.

	4/8: Working towards resolving final questions and making some changes based on updates in NELAP Volume 2. Meeting end of month for final resolution for voting. 5/13: The Committee is meeting this week to finalize assessor qualification language that has been getting worked on by email. The Committee will also be reviewing final language on other requested changes that have been emailed for review prior to the meeting. The initial final formatting of the Draft Standard is complete. The Change Summary needs to be prepared and then the Committee will vote to approve the Standard. This should be complete before the Houston meeting. 6/10: Progress continues with another meeting scheduled for this Friday. 7/8: One last topic needs to be resolved over the next week (what should AB scopes look like) and then final formatting will be completed for Committee review and vote.
Assist NEFAP in planning for Sampling Conclave.	2/11: The Sampling conclave will be June 2026. See NEFAP EC for additional information. 5/13: Katie will be working with Tracy on a presentation for the 2026 Field Conclave on June 16, 2026.
Discuss addition of media-specific field sampling modules to Volume 1.	2/11: The committee believes this is not needed given the new Annex in Volume 1.
Respond to SIRs as necessary.	
Work with the NELAP EC to develop tools to facilitate the implementation of the new Volume 1 Standard including providing webinar/webcast on the changes for the previous version.	2/11/26: Work will continue on the Accreditation Process Guidance Document after the Volume 2 Standard is posted. 6/10: Katie has half of the Boston training (Field Sampling & Measurements: Ensuring Reliable Results**)** recording complete. It will be completed by the end of the end of the month and ready for posting. 7/8: Second half was completed yesterday. Awaiting Dropbox link.
Administrative Activities	

5.5 Laboratory Accreditation Body (LAB) Expert Committee

2026 Objectives	Status
Finalize Standard V2M1, Revision 2.	2/11: Workgroups are continuing to help finalize language: - DRAFT language for Assessor Qualifications is just about complete. - ISO/IEC language being removed from the Standard has been gathered. The Committee needs to review this proposal. - Comments from Conferences are being reviewed for any additional changes to the DRAFT Standard. - The Summary of Changes needs to be completed prior to posting the Revised DRAFT Standard

(Rev 2).
3/11: The Committee continued its review of changes to the Standard. The Committee is getting support to change Matrix – Technology – Analyte to Matrix – Method – Analyte.
4/8: Work is continuing on final language for assessor qualifications and training. The Committee is considering additional meetings to expedite completion of the Standard. The Committee also met with Debbie Bond to discuss language additions to be included in Module 2 – see QMS update.
5/13:

- The Committee is continuing to refine the Assessor Qualifications. The new draft gives a little more flexibility. The focus was on observations of assessors doing assessments. There was also discussion regarding third-party assessors and reciprocity between ABs and duplication of effort. Each AB does have its own processes and it is still important that they ensure a new assessor is following their processes. This topic will be further discussed by the NELAP AC.
- Matrix-method-analyte change was discussed. There is still support for this change. Prevents accreditation solely by broad technology categories without method specificity.
- Committee will begin work on identifying ISO/IEC language being removed from the Standard to help with formatting for posting.
- There was discussion on changing corrective action responses and reviews to 30 days for the second response and leaving the first response at 45 days.

The group will start up a process for more thorough review of the standard using email instead of meeting twice this next month.
6/10: Paul Bergeron raised an issue on assessor qualifications related to a state requirement that assessors must have a minimum of a bachelor's degree. The current Draft has expanded qualification requirements to allow for non-bachelor's degree. Paul is looking into this further with their dual program in mind and will consult legal counsel as needed. This will also be discussed with the NELAP AC. Can a NELAP AB have more stringent requirements and does this affect secondary accreditation? Language will be left as is in the Draft. Some Committee members submitted comments on the overall Draft. Ilona was asked to produce a final Draft of the Standard this month and insert all comments received into this Draft to expedite review. She will pull the two versions of the Draft the Committee has worked on into one document and include recommended language for editorial changes,
7/8: Ilona combined the two Drafts into one Standard and added all the comments. Ilona updated Section 1-

	3. The Committee started the review of the updated version starting in Section 4 and reviewed revised language for assessment report content, suspensions, conflict of interest, timing on events, enforcement actions, reasons for denying initial accreditation, etc. Review made it through the middle of Section 7. The Committee also looked at better ways to handle comments when received to make this process better the next time. The Response to Comments needs more review before the Committee can vote. This document will be posted before the Draft Standard is posted.
- Discuss and rule on any comments Persuasive or Non-persuasive	2/11: The Committee is confirming that responses are still consistent with changes made to the Standard and should be voting on this document in February/March. 3/11: The Response to Comments document has been updated and is being reviewed by Committee members for voting this month. Letters will be sent to commenters after the table is approved. 4/8: More time was needed to review and make updates to the document. It will be an agenda item during the April meeting. 5/13: The Committee is finalizing a review of the Response to Comments document for an email vote. 6/10: Work progressed on the Response to Comments document. More changes are needed. A workgroup was developed to help with this effort to have a final version for vote in June.
- If controversies identified, publish Revision 3 and receive/review comments again.	
Review and update Technical Review Checklist as needed based on changes to standard and the evaluation process.	
Work with the NELAP AC to revise the evaluation process.	2/11: Work will begin in March. 5/13: Aaren and Ilona are planning to meet end of May to outline the process to begin writing. 6/10: Scheduling conflicts with Committee and consulting work will push this into July/August.
Provide technical assistance in developing tools to facilitate the implementation of the Standard including providing a webinar/webcast training on the new Standard.	
Respond to SIRs s necessary.	
Administrative Activities	2/11: Membership will be finalized in February. Extensions for third terms are being requested to complete the Draft Standard. 3/11: Extensions for additional terms have been voted on and are being sent to the CSDP EC for approval (Aaren Alger, Michael Perry, and Socorro Baldonado). The Vice Chair (Amy Steurwald) was added to the

	CSDP EC meeting notification to provide coverage for the Chair when she cannot attend. 4/8: The three terms were extended, and Aaren will continue as Chair of LAB.

5.6 Microbiology Expert Committee

2026 Objectives	Status
Complete Volume 1 Module 5 Draft Standard.	1/14: Committee met and discussed comments on the draft Standard. The committee was unable to finalize all comments in time to present a new Draft in Boston. 2/11: No additional meeting held in January due to timing of Forum in Boston. 2/11: Committee is nearing completion of review of all comments. Required course(s) for Module 2 Annex C still be provided. Expect Draft by April '26. 3/11: Committee is nearing completion of review of all comments. Required course(s) for Module 2 Annex C still to be provided. Expect Draft by April '26. 4/8: Committee is finalizing language on some of the last items via email following the meeting. The last remaining comments requiring a determination of persuasive or non-persuasive are in a limited area and should not take long to resolve. 5/13: The committee held 2 meetings in April to work toward completion of the Draft Module 5. Two meetings are scheduled for May with a target of having the Draft Module and Response to Comment summary prior to the regularly scheduled meeting on 5/12. 6/10: The Committee held 2 meetings in May to finalize Module 5. The Committee vote was completed 5/30 and the Module posted 6/1. 7/8: No meeting was held in June due to the posting of the Standard. 10 comments have been received since the Standard was posted – 5 are clearly editorial in nature. July meeting will be re-scheduled due to a conflict with the PA.
Respond to SIRs s necessary.	
Revise Implementation Guidance (IG) regarding Incubator Equilibrium checks and Temperature Distribution if needed.	4/8: Guidance documents hadn't been addressed by NELAP EC, but are on the agenda for their next meeting.
Serve as a technical resource regarding microbiological testing to TNI members and other interested parties.	

Provide technical assistance in developing tools to facilitate the implementation of the Standard including providing a webinar/webcast on the changes for the previous version Develop questions and training to assist with the credential's efforts.	
Administrative Activities	1/14: Hunter Adams and Elixa Snyder will be rotating off of the committee, leaving 3 openings. Only laboratory stakeholders applied for the openings. In order to maintain balance, only 2 openings will be filled. Cody Danielson was re-elected Chair. Robin Cook is stepping down as Vice Chair to facilitate an eventual successor to Cody. An election is in process for her replacement. 2/11: Nigel Allison was elected Vice Chair. Katie Strothman and Elizabeth Turner were elected as Voting members. One position remains open on the Committee, but it can't be filled by an Accredited Organization stakeholder due to balance concerns.

5.7 Proficiency Testing (PT) Expert Committee

2026 Objectives	Status
Continue to develop and maintain consensus standards for proficiency testing that are practical, implementable, and meet the needs of the environmental testing community while providing data of known and documented quality. Complete revisions to EL V1M1, EL V2M2 EL V3 and EL V4. Pursue adoption and Implementation.	2/11: EL V4 published for public comment and comment period has closed. EL V3 nears completion and posting in March is anticipated. 2/11: Numerous comments received on V4 and committee processing comments. Persuasive comments have been determined, and a revised DS will be forthcoming. 3/11: All comments on EL V4 received have been resolved and response to comments document to be posted and commenters notified. Proceeding with revised DS. The DS for EL V3 nears completion and posting in March anticipated. 4/8 Response to Comments not yet posted as commentor IDs required verification; will post within 7 days with commentor notifications to follow. 5/13 Response to comments for ELVV4 posted to website; all commenters notified. Revisions to EL V4 continue based upon persuasive comments. EL V3 continues final stages of review. 6/10: No comments received for EL V4; ad hoc meetings established to finalize language changes based on persuasive comments. Anticipate posting prior to Houston. EL V3 DS review complete, final version under preparation for consistency with Requirements of SOP 2-103.
Serve as a technical resource to TNI membership and the environmental testing community regarding PT	2/11: Working with PTP EC to ensure implementability of standards as well as application of FoPT table utility

performance. Provide technical assistance in developing tools to facilitate the implementation of the Standard including providing a webinar/webcast on the changes for the previous version. Support the Credentialing effort. Respond to SIRs as necessary	
Administrative Activities	2/11: Leadership roles remain unchanged. Committee balanced with 3 new associate members. Seeking approval for 2 individuals for 3rd term; last position on committee anticipated to be filled in March election. 3/11: Two members requested for and approved for 3rd term. One new associate member. Associate members confirmed for 2026. 4/8 In attempts to complete and post revised EL V4 and post EL V3 prior to Houston meeting, committee moving to bimonthly meeting. One new Associate member joined the committee. 5/13 Ad-Hoc EL V3 meetings continue. New associate member joined.

5.8 Quality Management Systems (QMS) Expert Committee

2026 Objectives	Status
Complete Volume 1 Module 2	2/11: The Committee is reviewing comments from the Boston Conference to make any final changes to the Draft Standard. The Summary of Changes document was shared in Boston and is just about complete. The Committee is expecting vote on the Draft Standard in March. 3/11: The Committee was asked to begin reviewing the Standard in detail in preparation for voting. The Committee started review of these comments. 4/8: The Committee is reviewing the Summary of Changes document in preparation of posting the Standard in April or early May. Debbie met with LAB to work on the addition of language from the LAB Standard (Volume 2) that is lab specific. There are lab requirements in Volume 2 that are not currently part of Volume 1.
- Publish Draft	5/13: The Committee has completed the Draft Standard and is finishing up the vote by email to include two additional voting members that could not be present at the meeting. The Change Summary is complete and the Standard has been formatted to prepare for posting next week. 6/10: The Committee approved the Draft Standard and Summary of Changes table for publication and comment.
- Review of comments	6/10: Minimal comments have been received thus far and all comments are due by August 24th. The Committee will

	review comments as they come in. 7/8: Comments are being submitted, but still minimal.
- Publish Revised Draft as needed.	
Provide technical assistance in developing tools to facilitate the implementation of the Standard including providing a webinar/webcast on the changes for the previous version.	2/11: The Committee is working on the Cross-Reference of the new Standard to the 2016 Standard. 5/13: Work will continue when the Draft Standard is posted. 6/10: The Committee will begin planning the development of tools this month. They are considering the completion of the Crosswalk that is fairly complete but needs final updating, outlining training, updates to the small laboratory handbook, etc. 78: The Committee formed a Workgroup to complete the Crosswalk.
Respond to any SIR as necessary.	
Administrative Activities as necessary.	2/11: The Committee's request for Debbie Bond's third term was approved by the CSDP EC. 3/11: New Committee members were added: Alison Boren, Lauren Webb, Jessica Jensen, Kim Felder and Hunter Nelson. Debbie Bond was voted in to continue as Chair and Jessica Jensen was voted as Vice-Chair.

5.9 Radiochemistry Expert Committee

2026 Objectives	Status
Revise Module 6 as needed.	2/11: The Committee is not planning to make any content updates to Module 6. 3/11: Radiochemistry course examples were sent to QMS for inclusion in Annex C.
Provide technical assistance in developing tools to facilitate the implementation of the Standard including providing a webinar/webcast on the changes for the previous version.	
Work with the "PT Expert Committee to resolve reporting uncertainty with PT results during their Standard development process.	2/11: Work in progress.
Develop and present a training class geared towards people that are not experts in the field.	2/11: The Committee is developing a 4 hour course that will be held in Houston and then recorded as a webinar. 3/11: A course description and learning objectives are being developed for the course for posting with the opening of registration for Houston. 4/8: A course description and learning objectives have been submitted. 5/13: The workgroup is finalizing material for the course in Houston. 6/10: The workgroup is making progress on the training material and plans to have a Draft for Committee review at their June meeting. The training will be an expansion

	of the live training done at the Winter Forum in Ohio. Training logistics were discussed with Ilona. The training will be offered as a Webcast post conference. There are 9 students currently signed up for the course. 7/8: There are 13 students currently signed up for the course. The final course will be reviewed by the Committee at the July meeting. More technical and QA/QC has been added to the original presentation made in Ohio. There is also a focus on topics that historically generate questions.
Respond to any SIR as necessary.	
Work with the PTP EC to develop Non-Potable Water PTs and/or other PT issues	5/13: The Committee is looking at stepping back from this goal because of roadblocks. They have been reaching out to EPA, but information requested is currently not available. This will be looked at again in September.
Support Chemistry FoPT Subcommittee as needed with Radiochemistry FoPT limits.	
Administrative Activities	2/11: Membership will be finalized in February. 3/11: New Committee members were added: Ezekiel Blain, Chad Lane, Joshua Prichard and Hannah Vietor. The Committee has also requested that Amanda be approved for a third term. 4/8: Amanda has been approved for a third term and will continue as Chair of the Radiochemistry Committee.

5.10 Whole Effluent Toxicity (WET) Expert Committee

2025 Objectives	Status
Complete revision of V1M7 and publish a Draft Standard for comment.	2/11: Committee reviewed comments received at the Forum in Boston. Some changes were made in the draft on the basis of those comments. 3/11: Further progress made on comments from the Forum and in general. Chair has made some formatting changes to aid in clarity. 4/8: Committee has decided on almost all submitted comments as persuasive or non-persuasive. There are some outstanding comments regarding definitions and some global formatting/style issues. A revised copy with all current decisions incorporated will be submitted for Committee discussion prior to the April meeting. The April meeting is delayed by 2 weeks due to a scheduling conflict. 5/13: Most of the definition comments have been reviewed. The submitter withdrew a number of them because they added value to the Module by leaving as they were. Chair will look to source documents for clarity on Standard Reference Toxicant v. Standard Reference Toxicant Tests (in terms of which is the preferred term). 6/10: Committee is nearing its final review of the

	Module in total to assure that the Module doesn't appear as Guidance and is written as requirements. 7/8: What could be the draft that the Committee votes upon has been distributed to the Committee for comment for the July Meeting. July meeting will be re-scheduled due to a conflict with the PA.
Provide technical assistance in developing tools to facilitate the implementation of the Standard including providing a webinar/webcast on the changes for the previous version. Complete the effort to establish a path to achieve data comparability for WET PT data. Support as needed the QC Specialist badge for aquatic toxicity for the credentialing initiative. Respond to any SIR as necessary.	
Provide venue for sharing of information and best practices of WET labs.	5/13: The Committee had a discussion via email regarding an assessment question about cleaning of test chambers. Essentially, there isn't a requirement for single use chambers and the committee was good with that.
Administrative Activities	1/14: 2 committee members approved for second terms. No member terms expired. At least one member has retired and will serve through the completion of the Standard. New members are needed. 2/11: 2 applications have been received for new members, both in the Accredited Organization stakeholder group. Due to balance issues, only one such member could be added. This should occur in conjunction with the February meeting. 3/11: Votes to add member to committee received. Committee at 12 members (6 Laboratory, 3 AB, 3 Other). 5/13: One more associate member added. 6/10: Matt Jones (KDHE) added to Committee as Voting member from AB Stakeholder group, as well as another associate member. 6/17: Another AB application for a Voting position on the committee has been received.

6. NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL FIELD ACTIVITIES PROGRAM (NEFAP)

6.1 NEFAP Executive Committee

2026 Objectives	Status
Market the new Field Activities Standard to FSMOs.	
Review and comment on V2 Draft Standard(s).	2/11: The Committee was provided with a copy of the DRAFT Standard to provide initial comments before the Field Activities Committee vote on the DRAFT Standard.
Complete NEFAP AB re-evaluation process.	2/11/26: PJLA is submitting updates to their application. 3/11: Evaluations will begin in the order the applications were received. As the evaluations are completed Ilona will be maintaining a table of updates to show when the technical checklist review is completed, the online “onsite” is scheduled, the “onsite” is completed, the witness is scheduled, the witness is completed, the report is sent to the QA Reviewer, the report is sent to the Recognition Committee and when the NEFAP EC votes to complete the recognition. The evaluation will begin with A2LA, then PJLA and then ANAB for NEFAP and A2LA and then ANAB for PTP. Since the TNI Standard Evaluations will be done alongside these evaluations the order will be A2LA (Start: 3/15), PJLA (5/1), IAS (7/1) and ANAB (9/1). 4/8: Review of the application has been started for A2LA. The PJLA start date has been extended to 5/15/26. 5/13: Work is progressing. Looking at making a change to the Recognition Committee due to a Conflict of Interest that is delaying establishment of evaluation team. Should be resolved this week. 6/10: Review of A2LAs checklists lead to a request by A2LA to update the checklist information through a meeting instead of A2LA providing more detail in the checklist they turned in. This will expediate their evaluation. Discussed with Jerry and approved. This meeting is scheduled for June 9th . Waiting for confirmation that Kevin Holbrooks can Chair the Recognition Committee since Marlene Moore now has a conflict. PJLA’s has updated material, and their review will begin in the next two weeks. 7/8: Received confirmation that Kevin Holbrooks will replace Marlene as Chair of the Recognition Committee. Marlene will continue as a member of the Committee and is updating her conflict-of-interest form. Met with A2LA to begin review of the TNI portions of their checklists. Meeting again this Friday. Awaiting copy of 2026 Evaluation to confirm it covered the ISO/IEC 17011:2017 language portion of the checklist and that there are no areas of concern that require additional information. Spoke with PJLA regarding evaluation and meeting with PJLA to do initial application review on Wednesday to determine need for any updated documents based on changes that have occurred in personnel and procedures. Work on IAS’s application will begin in August.

Continue to develop training courses and implement strategic plan as it relates to training.	2/11: Field Sampling and Measurements: Ensuring Reliable Results held in Boston on January 15 with 7 students.
	4/8: Katie is preparing to record class as Webcast that will go out on next training announcement.
	6/10: First half is now recorded and second half should be complete by the end of June. It will then be ready for posting and will be included in the next training announcement.
	Courses in development:
	- Internal Auditing for Field Sampling and Measurement Organizations. This course is being developed within the NEFAP EC.
	  o 2/11: Course planned for March or April.
	  o 3/11: Megan reviewed learning objectives. Course will be posted the end of this week.
	  o 4/8: Scheduling for May 29, 2026 – will be part of an announcement with posted webcasts and other training class in May.
	  o 5/13: Submitted for inclusion on the Spring announcement.
	  o 6/10: The class was given on May 29 with 8 participants. This was the first glass given where half of the class was self-paced and the second half was by webinar. Students listened to the pre-recorded session and then took an online exam. The exam and highlights from the first half of the class were reviewed at the start of the webinar and there was a Q&A session. A new Training Survey was given at the end of the course with a completion rate of 88% and an overall class score of 4.7. Knowledge of the subject material before the class was 2.9 and was 4.3 after the class.
	- Key Concepts and Implementation of FSMO Volume 1 Standard
	- 7/8: Work on this course will be planned as soon as Volume 2 of the field standard is posted for comment.

Continue to aggressively market the Program utilizing the strategies outlined in the strategic plan. - Hold the fourth annual virtual Sampling Conclave	6/10: Tracy and Katie submitted a newsletter article to the Advocacy Committee. 2/11: Conclave planned for June 2026 – The Committee is looking at June 16-17, 2026, with a day on PFAS sampling and a second on other topics. Anand is reaching out to EPA for possible participation on PFAS sampling and based on the feedback the Committee will finalize the Conclave details during their February meeting. 3/11: Jerry has been forwarding abstracts for possible speakers. JEA will be able to participate. Tracy is reaching out to other possible speakers. 4/8: Tracy updated an announcement that is now ready for publication. It has been sent to Jerry Thao for posting on Linked IN and was sent to Jan for distribution by email. The date is June 16th and if there are lots of abstracts submitted … it may extend to June 17th.

	5/13: Shaping into a great 2026 Conclave. There will be 9 presentations. Planning to have abstracts posted and registration open next week. 6/10: The 4th Annual Conclave is now posted for registration with a full agenda with great presentations planned. Registration is currently at 32. Another email will go out late this week to provide people with a reminder to register. 7/8: The Conclave occurred on June 16, 2026. There were 29 TNI member and 36 non-member individual registrations and 8 TNI member and 2 non-member group registrations for an approximate total of participants of 145. William has updated the portal with recordings and attendees have received the link to access recordings. A survey was distributed after the class and 35 initial responses were received. The initial knowledge score was 3.5 and was increased to 4.0 after the conference. The overall satisfaction score was 4.1 with 100% agreement with attending another TNI event. Suggestions included request for more breaks between presentations and/or shorter time frame per day, additional content suggestions and a request to consider an in-person Conclave.
- Hold a workshop on Sampling for PFAS	2/11: The Committee is looking at Lessons Learned from the Field and moving PFAS to the Conclave. 7/8: Planning for an October 2026 Workshop was discussed. The theme is expected to be Lessons Learned from the Field and may include a test kit component.
Update policies and procedures to reflect any changes in NEFAP. - Address comments on SOP 5-104 that were provided to the NEFAP EC in 2020. - Conduct 5-year review of SOP 5-107.	
Work with the Field Activities to provide technical assistance in developing tools to facilitate the implementation of the Volume 1 Standard including providing a webinar/webcast on the changes for the previous version.	
Assist NEFAP ABs with implementation of the FSMO Volume 1 Standard.	6/10: PJLA is preparing communications to inform FSMOs about the release of the new Volume 1 standard and the future transition process. ABs have until December 1, 2028, to complete the transition.
Evaluate need for improved consistency in NEFAP AB Scopes of Accreditation.	
Administrative Activities	2/11: Committee membership will be updated in February. 3/11: The Committee added new members: Paul Bergeron and Elizabeth Turner. 6/10: The Committee added a new member:

7. NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL LABORATORY ACCREDITATION PROGRAM (NELAP)

7.1 NELAP Accreditation Council

2026 Objectives	Status
Sustain governance role for the program and promoting consistency in AB operations.	
Review and provide comment on V2M1 revised draft Standards.	Ethics and Data Integrity 2/11: There was discussion regarding ethics and data integrity procedures related to notification of ABs. The NELAP AC will review Draft V1M2 and Draft V2M1 language during the February meeting and possibly provide comment. 3/11: More time was needed to continue to review the information, so discussion will be completed during March meeting. 4/8: Postponed to April meeting. 5/13: Agenda did not allow time for discussion. 6/10: This will be reviewed as the AC comments on the Standards. Assessor Qualifications 5/13: The agenda included a request for input to LAB regarding Assessor Qualifications and how to appropriately qualify assessors, particularly third-party assessors used by accreditation bodies. LAB's intent was to ensure accrediting bodies remained actively involved in evaluating assessors regardless of whether they were direct employees or contractors. The language attempted to balance accountability with flexibility. There was some general agreement that some observation could be done virtually but under what circumstances and how would need to be included. It was noted that labs are asking for stricter assessor qualifications.
Review and comment on other revised modules of the TNI EL Standard (Volume 1) as the Expert Committees publish Draft Standards.	2/11: The NELAP AC completed review of comments on the draft V1M4 Standard and submitted them to the Chemistry Committee. 6/10: A plan was developed on how to review the multiple standards as they post for comment. Ilona prepared a table for ABs to enter their comments, and each standard will be reviewed in the order it is received. Review has begun on V1M2. 7/8: Some comments have been received, and a reminder went out to the Council this week to input any additional comments before the July 20th meeting. Initial impression is that the QMS Expert Committee did a thorough job.
Address issues of concern to NELAP ABs as they arise.	
- Incubators	4/8: ABs are seeing an increase in data being generated where incubators have been out of range, but data was reported without any flags or notes. Concern that there are

	new employees that are not following requirements.
- Technical Specialists	4/8: The Committee discussed how multiple Technical Specialists are maintained in databases and how communication is handled to laboratories. In general, states recognize that there are multiple technical specialists, but they request the name of one person to send relevant updates to that will be responsible for communicating information to the other Technical Specialists in the lab.
- Method Codes	5/13: Paul Junio attended as a guest to discuss Method Codes. There was support to reduce duplicate codes and opposition to retroactive changes to existing method codes. Paul proposed that if the underlying method itself had not changed, he would not create a new method code simply because a new edition of Standard Methods had been published. Since revision dates are already captured separately within the system, the same method code could continue to apply unless a specific request justified creating a separate code. This started a discussion on whether ABs depended on edition numbers or revision dates. It was cautioned that even modifying existing code descriptions to include additional editions could effectively function as a retroactive change and potentially create major database management problems. Paul will take the feedback and work on a more formal proposal. 6/8: Paul updated his proposal and sent it to the AC to review. ABs have emailed him additional comments. Paul will be attending the June meeting for further discussion. 7/8: There was continued conversation with Paul Junio regarding method codes. The Council agreed that the priority is to minimize duplicate method codes while continuing to use the existing revision date field to distinguish method updates. Rather than creating new codes only because a new edition of a reference is published, new codes should generally be reserved for substantive method changes or demonstrated regulatory need. The Council also supported looking at improving the method code system by reviewing usage data, identifying inactive or obsolete codes, and enhancing the method code request process with additional information and workflow improvements. Paul Junio will obtain a usage report and develop recommendations for the Council's consideration.
- IDEXX LED UV viewer	5/13: The Council discussed helium supply shortages, thermometer calibration requirements for incubators and reference thermometers and the IDEXX LED UV viewer (discussed with the Council by Patsy Root fall 2025). Millie Rose (IL) stated that EPA Region 5 had recently informed laboratories and accrediting bodies that the LED viewer is not currently acceptable for Safe Drinking Water Act compliance testing. Others have received similar feedback. Cathy Westerman (VA) commented that after hearing IDEX's original presentation, she believed the scientific evidence strongly supported use of the LED

	system and had allowed laboratories in her program to use it. Kristin responded that EPA's concern appears to focus more on formal regulatory approval and method language than on scientific validity. This will continue to be monitored. 6/10: ABs reported receiving guidance from multiple EPA regions indicating that LED lamp substitutions are currently not acceptable for drinking water and certain Clean Water Act methods.
- Colilert media	6/10: Patsy provided the following update by email: All of our media have critical supplies, and we triple source vendors for each of them. For one component of Colilert-18, we had to move to an alternate, approved vendor due to conditions we are all aware of right now regarding supplies, shipping, etc. Although this is an approved vendor, they needed ramp up time and we needed to QC raw material and finished lot. All this has taken time, and, out of an abundance of caution, we have put Colilert-18 on allocation. This means, for the short term, we are asking that each purchase be no more than 3 boxes. We have more in all our global locations but are being equitable. If someone really needs more than 3 boxes, we can do that.
- Helium shortage	6/10: Given the limited impact outside California and the absence of widespread concerns, the AC agreed to remove helium shortages from future agenda follow-up items.
- Asbestos PT	6/10: It was clarified that laboratories accredited primarily by New York may obtain asbestos PTs and that, for potable water asbestos testing, laboratories may also participate under secondary accreditation arrangements with New York.
- Primary AB	6/10: A question was raised regarding ongoing discussions about whether one TNI state may serve as the primary accreditor for a laboratory located in another TNI state. This needs more research.
Work with the LAB to revise the evaluation process.	2/11: Work will begin on this in March.
Complete current evaluations and plan for the future.	2/11: The Texas evaluation was completed and will be reviewed for vote during the February meeting. Ilona reached out to previous attendees participating in the Evaluation quarterly meetings and meetings will start again in March. She is also working on an update to the Evaluation summary that will be provided with monthly reports in March. 3/11: The final report was reviewed and the NELAP AC voted to renew recognition. 4/8: Illinois submitted an application on 3/10/26 (Steve). 7/8: The NELAP AB evaluation team member needs to complete training before the evaluation can be completed. If this cannot be completed this month, Ilona will look into

	providing a new member. 4/8: Minnesota requested an application extension that was approved for submission in April (Aaren). 5/13: Minnesota had a misunderstanding about who was on their evaluation team, but this has been clarified and the evaluator has received their application. 7/9: Aaren and the evaluation team have begun work on this evaluation. 4/8: New Jersey's submission is being postponed to July because their previous evaluation was delayed so there was more time between the two evaluations/ (Aaren). 4/8: California is working on an application. 5/13: California has reached out to Paul Junio to begin discussing LAMS needs. 4/8: Aaren completed the evaluation of New Hampshire and submitted report to the AC.
Continue to provide information sharing venue.	2/11: Round Table discussions are still in progress.
Address any Standard Interpretation Requests (SIRs)	7/8: Discussion started on an AB request to discuss SIR 499 on sample preservation before it can be finalized for posting. Additional information is being requested from the AB for further discussion next month.
Review Policies and Procedures for 5 year review and as needed.	2/11: The Mutual Recognition and Dispute Resolution SOPs are being reviewed. 4/8: The Dispute Resolution SOP is on the April meeting agenda. 5/13: The Committee reviewed a Draft prepared by Cathy and liked the changes. The SOP is being forwarded to the NELAP EC before the NELAP AC votes. The NELAP EC will review it during their May meeting and then comments will be reviewed by the Council in June.
Administrative Activities	6/10: Jody Koehler has been replaced by Tina Trevino as the representative for Texas.

7.2 NELAP Executive Committee

2026 Objectives	Status
Supplement SIR with Implementation Guidance for non-SIR questions.	2/11: The SIR SOP will be reviewed for possible updates.
Review and provide comments on all EL Draft Standards as they are developed.	V1M4 2/11: The Committee prepared comments on the V1M4 *Summary of Suggested Changes and Justification* document and reviewed a portion of the V1M4 Draft Standard (through Section 6.3) of the comments submitted by a Committee Associate Member. The comments were sent to the Chemistry Committee. V1M2 6/10: EC members will begin review V1M2 outside of meeting time and enter comments into a single table

	housed in Teams. This process allows EC members to view one another's comments, avoid duplication, and build consensus before formal discussions. 7/8: Reminder was given to input comments prior to the next meeting on July 23, 2026.
Prepare to assume role as Recognition Body for NGAB status (parallel to NEFAP and PTPEC recognitions)	
Develop Draft Policies and SOPs for NELAP as needed.	See below
- Revise SOP 3-103, Standards Review	
- Revise 3-105: SIR Management	4/8: The Committee is updating this SOP to remove the requirement of an SIR Subcommittee. Work on SIRs will be handled by the committee since the backlog has been caught up. This update will be reviewed in April. 5/13: On hold until SOP 3-106 is complete. 7/8: Ilona updated the SOP to reflect discussions, and the SOP was reviewed during the June meeting. Changes included the removal of the SIR Sub-Committee (workgroups will be utilized as needed), inclusion of conflict-of-interest language, additional discussion on how to resolve disagreement on whether an SIR is valid, etc. A vote was started and is being completed by email to finalize this update and send it to Policy for review.
- Revise 3-106: Standard Suitability	3/11: Scheduled for March meeting 4/8: Committee is working on an outline for the SOP update and will continue to work on this SOP in April. 5/13: Work is progressing on this SOP. 7/8: The SOP was reviewed during the June meeting and the Committee provided comments to the workgroup. This will be further discussed during the July meeting.
- Conduct 5-year review of POL 3-101 and SOP 3-108.	
Sustain SIR progress and supplement SIRS with Implementation Guidance for non-SIR questions.	2/11: Two SIRs were posted as completed SIRs. One SIR will be reviewed by the NELAP AC during the February meeting because of a voting comment. Four SIRs were received and determined to not be SIRs. 4/8: See note about SOP 3-105 (SIR Management) being updated. Three SIRs were submitted in March. 5/13: Two SIRs were submitted in April. 6/10: One SIR was submitted in May and it was found to not be an SIR. 7/8: Three SIRs were submitted in June that are still under review. One had a conflict-of-interest, so the SIR has been sent to the Vice-Chair of the NELAP EC for review. There are currently two SIRs being addressed by Asbestos and one by Chemistry.

Work in cooperation with the NELAP Accreditation Council (AC) to assist in implementing this program.	
Administrative Activities	2/11: Membership will be updated in during the February meeting. 3/11/26: Three new committee members were added to the NELAP EC. They are: Taryn Hurley (AB-OK), Gretchen Wellfinger (AB-NY) and Tracy Szerszen (AB-NGAB-PJLA). With Maria Friedman's rotation off the Committee, the Committee voted in Shari Pfalmer as Chair and Patty Carvajal as Vice-Chair. Shari was the former Vice-Chair.

8. PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM (PDP)

8.1 PDP Executive Committee

2026 Objectives	Status
Establish and implement guidance, policies, procedures and tools necessary to implement the program.	2/11: Website and Committee Applications now operational. Notice of creation of committee posted. 3/11: SOPs 1-100 and 1-101 were updated to include the Program into the SOP numbering system and to include it in the TNI Committees SOP. 7/8: TNI staff is finalizing the scholarship agreement that was developed for each of the awardees to sign.
Provide oversight and guidance to the Credentials and Training committees.	
Implement the Jack Farrell Analytical Excellence scholarship.	2/11: Notification and application were developed and distributed for Jack Farrell Scholarship. Developing review process for applications received. 3/11: A workgroup was developed to begin work on a process for selecting scholarship recipients. The workgroup met and is working on an SOP that will be reviewed next week. One scholarship application has been received. Two inquiries have been received. 4/8: There are two applications. Follow-up information has been requested for more information and review of the applications by the Workgroup will start later this week. The Workgroup is continuing work on an SOP for the selection process. Ilona provided some words to describe Financial Need for those questioning what this means in the application. 5/13: Applicants have been contacted, and applications have been updated. The Scholarship workgroup has prepared a Draft contract for each scholarship awardee and language is being drafted for notification letters to applicants. The Committee is looking at a mentor program that will likely be renamed to "advisor" to help applicants navigate the application process. Both applicants are looking at pursuing the credential through the Badge option and there was confusion on how this worked. Ilona worked with each applicant to

	answer questions and clarify the process. Jerry is working on a presentation to help reduce this confusion in the future. 7/8: The Draft presentation was reviewed and is being sent to Credentialing to streamline and simplify. 6/10: There were two applicants that were reviewed receive scholarships. Both candidates developed a strategy that maximized training investment by selecting courses that supported multiple badge pathways simultaneously. The Committee approved the award to both candidates in the amount of $1695. There was substantial conversation on development of an Advisor for each scholarship recipient. This discussion will continue during the June meeting. The scholarship title was determined to be the “Jack Farrell Scholarship”. The name will be changed on the website, SOPs, Charter, etc. 7/8: The term Advisor will be used. Scholarship administration materials were developed for Committee review: Award letter, Scholarship agreement, Funding Request Form and FAQs. Suzanne Rachmaninoff will take on the role of administering the funds. 7/8: Will work on a policy regarding publicizing scholarship donations.
Establish an emerging professionals' initiative (however named). – Emerging Leaders	2/11: Received great input during the Boston conference. Recommendation to look at a leadership program that includes training and mentorship. Established for people that want to take on more responsibilities in their workplace. Based on people wanting to take a new step, but not necessarily new or young in their professional development. This could be relevant to career, next generation of TNI Committee Chairs, etc … New to QA or TNI? Pair them up with an AB, industry person, etc. This pairing could rotate. 3/11: Examples of similar organization will be looked at during the March meeting to help with discussion. 4/8: The Committee is considering a course being developed for a free introductory course about the evolution of environmental regulations for newer professionals and directing others to more in-depth training. It would be available to all. 7/8: The Draft presentation was briefly reviewed and there will be further discussion during the July meeting. 4/8: The Committee likes changing the name to Emerging Leaders – it is more inclusive. Includes people wanting to develop leadership skills in current roles and those transitioning to other roles. 7/8: Duncan Millar prepared a summary of how other organizations have developed similar initiatives. The Committee begin discussions on how to connect new people with experienced people.
Investigate opportunities to identify funding to support the program.	2/11: Received one vendor donation during Boston meeting.

Develop and implement "Quality Time with TNI."	2/11: Quarterly live 1 hour event. Might include: Hot Topics (Tech Specialist, Standard Update Process), Meet a Member, Ask an AB, Back to Basics (MDL procedures, record keeping), etc.
Administrative Activities	2/11: 7 applications received. Membership will be reviewed in February. 3/11: New Committee membership has been added: Littia Mann, Michelle Wade, and Anand Mudambi. In addition the Committee has added its first associate members.

8.2 Credentials Committee

2026 Objectivities	Status
Continue to support Executive Director in implementing the Credentialing Initiative for a QMS Certified Professional.	2/11: Exam given in Boston with 3 applicants and 2 passed: - Denice Johnson, NEORSD – Chemistry and WET - Katalina Li, Spectrum Environmental – Asbestos 3/11: The committee discussed the grading procedure and agreed the technical module grading should be graded separately from the other questions. The committee also discussed offering technical module exams in Houston to the current list of certified professionals. 4/8: The committee discussed 3 applications that have been received for individuals not attending a TNI meeting and discussed an option where the exams could be done by a member of the committee, or some other designated individual that lives close to the individual. These exams would be given 1-2 weeks before the in-person exam at a meeting so the induvial could observe the exam preparation webinar. Tentative locations for July 2026 are: - Charleston, SC (David Smit proctor) - Sherwood, OR (Melanie Roshe proctor) - Pittsburg, CA (Theresa Johnson proctor)
Continue to review current exam questions for accuracy and understanding.	
Continue to develop KSA for Technical Specialist and then develop the exam.	4/8: The committee began reviewing KSAs for organics and developed 2 techniques for sample treatment before preparation, 12 techniques for sample preparation, 4 techniques for treatment after preparation, 4 clean-up techniques, 4 techniques, and 2 reporting techniques. The committee then developed the KSA for the 2 techniques before sample preparation. 5/13: Continued discussion of KSAs for organics and after discussing purge-and-trap and

	headspace, decided to simplify the number of techniques focusing on those most frequently used with the premise that a specialist for the primary technique could quickly master a related technique if needed. 6/10: Based on some KSA provided by ChatGPT on managing workflow issues for headspace analysis, the committee added a new section to Fundamental Laboratory Skills on managing workflow. The committee then continued the effort started in May on simplifying the techniques used for organic analyses by reducing sample preparation to purge-and-trap, liquid-liquid extraction, solid-phase extraction and liquid-solid extraction. 6/8: The committee continues to develop KSAs for organics, getting through liquid-liquid extraction and solid-phase extraction. 6/8: Reviewed the draft language in Module 2 on Technical Specialists and determined no comments were needed.
Review existing training courses and see if additional courses are needed.	
Coordinate with TNI Training Committee in developing courses.	
Administrative Activities	2/11: Alison Boren (Vermont) applied to be an Associate Member.

8.3 Training Committee

2026 Objectives	Status
Continue Linked-In presence.	
Continue to work with the Credential Committee to support this effort.	
Look for opportunities to collaborate with other training providers.	
Post Webcast for how to complete training application to teach courses.	2/11: Too be completed by next RFP.
Work with vendors and other trainers to develop technical course training opportunities.	2/11: Working with Credentialing to understand courses needed. 6/10: Working on developing a meeting with potential technical trainers in Houston. 7/8: Will work with Jerry this week to discuss promotion.
Develop new survey for webinars.	2/11: To be reviewed during February meeting. 3/11: Though the Committee could not meet in February due to lack of quorum, Ilona shared the template for a course membership survey with some Committee members. The update will be

	reviewed by the Committee in March. 5/13: The survey is being sent to Committee members in the Survey application so they can see how it works and provide feedback. The survey will be used for the upcoming TNI courses and will provide a place to keep all feedback from a course – webinars and webcasts. It will also help monitor trainer effectiveness and allow review of class scores for possible inclusion in training course descriptions when a sufficient number of reviews are received. 6/10: The survey was used for two courses this month. One had an 88% return rate (7/8) and the other had 57% return rate (8/14). There was very good feedback and the new questions showed that people did feel they knew the subject material much better than they did at the start of class. The survey will continue to be used for webinars, but discussion of use for webcasts is in progress.
Continue to develop ideas for training courses and issue RFPs.	2/11: Workgroup meeting before February training meeting. 7/8: Work on RFP will be presented to Training Committee during July meeting.
Review training to ensure it is not obsolete.	6/10: The Committee reviewed the budget and agreed with Jerry's recommendation to work on raising prices for many of the current courses being offered. 7/8: Ilona provided feedback to Jerry on individual course fee increases.
Continue to update Course Catalog database as new courses are developed.	6/10: Three new webcasts were posted. - Introduction to TNI Assessments and Evaluations - Managing Change to Minimize Risk and Increase Success - Management Reviews: A Pathway to Improvement
Continue to offer and market new training courses.	2/11: New course applications received and being pursued as shown below. 6/10: Ilona submitted Newsletter article regarding upcoming training.
- Discipline Specific Technical Training Series - Matt Sica	6/10: Draft contract underway. 7/8: Working on first class which will focus on Microbiology. Meeting on Wednesday to finish contract.
- Building Excellence: Integrating Initial and Ongoing Training into Laboratory Operations - Mary Johnson	4/8: Scheduled for May 27. 6/10: 10 attendees and one group.
- Biochemical Oxygen Demand: From Sample to Report - Mary Johnson	4/8: Scheduled for June 24. 7/8: Course completed with 24 TNI member and 21 non-member individual students and 2 TNI

	member groups with an estimated 61 participants. Overall survey score was 4.3.
- Radiate Knowledge: A Dive into Radiochemistry	4/8: Scheduled for Houston that will be provided as a Webinar/Webcast after the meeting. 6/10: 9 attendees currently/ 7/8: Course material will be complete this month for the Houston training.
- Internal Audit course for Field - NEFAP	4/8 Scheduled for May 29. 6/10: 8 attendees.
- Updated MDL course - Jerry Parr and others	6/10: Draft completed; Jerry looking for a lab person to review/assist.
- Deep dive into Quality Management Systems - Scott Siders	4/8: Course in development 7/8: Have continued to reach out, but no response.
- Lessons Learned in the Field - FAC	4/8: Course in development. 7/8: The NELAP EC will develop this into a workshop for October 2026.
- Validation of User-Developed Computer Software - Jeanne Mensingh	4/8 Course summary being expanded. 7/8: Sent follow-up email and meeting 7/7 to work on contract.
- Scared Straight – Marlene Moore	4/8 Update to course originally developed by John Moorman. 7/8: Work on this class will be started after completion of Marlene's July class.
- Free training courses (1) Introduction to TNI for new members, (2) Introduction to the Evolution of Environmental Regulations (3) Consensus Standards Development Process (4) Operation of NELAP– Jerry Parr.	6/10: The introduction course has been reviewed and approved by Advocacy. Drafts of the other 3 are complete.
- How to Write Non conformances – Marlene Moore	5/13: The course will be re-done on July 10.
- 2026 Method Update Rule – Jerry Parr	6/10: This course will be presented withing 30 days of the rule being published.
- Field Sampling and Measurements: Ensuring Reliable Results	7/9: Katie completed recording this weekend and is placing it in Dropbox for William to convert to a Webcast. It will be included in the next training flyer.
Continue to hold Mentor Session and Assessment Forum at every TNI meeting	2/11: Held Assessment Forum and Mentor Session in Boston. - Mentor Session – But Why? ?…. TNI Requirements - Assessment Forum: But Why?…. State Regulatory Practices
Administrative Activities	5/13: The Committee had a quorum in its April meeting for the first time in 5 months and will now be meeting on the 4th Friday at 1:30pm Eastern.

	6/10: The Committee will only meet during odd number months.

9. PROFICIENCY TESTING PROGRAM (PTP)

9.1 PTP Executive Committee

2026 Objectives	Status
Implement all policies and procedures necessary to establish, maintain, and continually improve a national PT program to support environmental accreditation programs. - Address comments on SOP 4-101 that were provided to the PTP EC in 2025. - Conduct a 5-year review of SOP 4-108	3/11: SOP 4-101 proposed by subcommittee for approval. SOP 4-109. PT Program Standards Review and Adoption, scheduled for review and approval at March meeting. 4/8 SOP 4-101remains to be finalized as SOP Subcommittee did not meet. SOP 4-109 was approved by super majority ballot and forwarded to Policy for review. Five Year Reviews of SOP 4-102 and SOP 4-108 were initiated after assignment to the SOP Subcommittee. 5/13 SOP 4-101 anticipated to move to Policy Committee following May meeting. 6/10: SOP 4-101 being reviewed by committee as May meting did not address; will conclude during June meeting. Anticipate some if not all of remaining PT SOP reviews to be completed in June. 4/8 SOP 4-109 was approved by super majority ballot and forwarded to Policy for review. Five Year Reviews of SOP 4-102 and SOP 4-108 were initiated after assignment to the SOP Subcommittee. 5/13 Five Year Reviews of all remaining PT SOPs assigned to SOP Subcommittee. 7/8: SOP subcommittee members assigned SOPs for review. A few reviews completed, any and all changes, if any, should be presented to PTP EC in July.
Ensure that fields of Proficiency Testing (FoPTs) are created, maintained, and updated as appropriate to support environmental laboratory accreditation programs.	2/11: WET FoPT revisions await implementation. Uranium (mass) to be added to Drinking Water FoPT table. 3/11 WETT FoPT table with effective date posted to website. Analyte Request Application to include U (mass) in DW table reviewed and sent to Chemistry FoPT subcommittee for processing consistent with SOP 4-107. 4/8: Upon posting of WETT FoPT, question of effective date was raised, currently SOP requires 6 months from posting. If there are no comments this leaves little time for implementation. Committee will consider changing to 6 months from close of comment period. 5/13 Resolution of WETT FoPT implementation will result from SOP 5 year review. 3/11 Request to include U (mass) in DW table reviewed and sent to Chemistry FoPT subcommittee for processing consistent with SOP 4-107.

	4/8: Chemistry FoPT subcommittee is continuing to process the request for Uranium (mass) with inputs for the EPA sources invited to participate. 5/13 After a number of meetings with EPA representatives and other interested parties, the Chemistry FoPT subcommittee has withdrawn the ARA for U(mass) as currently presented. A new ARA will be submitted to resolve the original intent of the change. 6/10 New ARA sponsored by NJ and MN being submitted to combine the drinking water chemistry and radiochemistry tables. 7/8: Review of drinking water FoPT table continues and nears completion.
Develop resolution for reporting uncertainty with Radiochemistry PT results.	
Ensure the effectiveness of the PT Provider accreditation and oversight program.	
Complete PTP AB evaluations.	2/11: Revised SOP 7-101 approved. 3/11: Evaluations will begin in the order the applications were received. As the evaluations are completed she will be maintaining a table of updates to show when the technical checklist review is completed, the online “onsite” is scheduled, the “onsite” is completed, the witness is scheduled, the witness is completed, the report is sent to the QA Reviewer, the report is sent to the Recognition Committee and when the NEFAP EC votes to complete the recognition. The evaluation will begin with A2LA, then PJLA and then ANAB for NEFAP and A2LA and then ANAB for PTP. Since the TNI Standard Evaluations will be done alongside these evaluations the order will be A2LA (Start: 3/15), PJLA (5/1), IAS (7/1) and ANAB (9/1).
Complete and gather information on PT Program metrics.	
Continue working to be inclusive of non-TNI ABs.	
Support the NELAP AC on method codes issues in LAMS as necessary.	4/8 Committee advised of 20 new analyte codes being added to LAMS. Committee confirmed and advised that these analytes were not currently on FoPT tables.
Work with PT Expert Committee to update Volumes 3 and 4 of the TNI Laboratory Standard	2/11: EL V4 reviewed and comments submitted to PTEC. EL V3 anticipated to be received in March for Executive Committee review.
Administrative Activities	2/11: Leadership roles remain unchanged. One member has retired and resigned his position; 3 vacancies being addressed to interested associates; committee balanced with 2 new associate members. 3/11: After meeting in closed session, executive committee elected a new member. Roster remains at 14; one vacancy remains. Complaint received and considered valid by Executive committee; sent to Chemistry FoPT subcommittee for processing

	consistent with SOP 4-102. 4/8: Complaint Subcommittee concluded the complaint was not valid primarily due to the analytes of concern not being on TNI's FoPT tables. Compliant resolution however resulted in a request to the TNI Board to establish a Task Force to address the issue of reporting of one analytical result for multiple methods and the issues evolving from small data sets. 5/13 With approval for a PT Task Force, initial meetings to develop the charter and objectives of the task force have begun; anticipate formation and membership in June. 6/10 Formative measures for the PT Task Force have begun; draft Charter under review and membership in the process of being established. 7/8 List of PT Task Force members being finalized. Anticipate first meeting in July.

10 ADMINISTRATION

10.1 Advocacy Committee

2026 Objectives	Status
Implement a plan for national accreditation and systematic outreach to data users that will explain and promote the benefits of a quality management system.	
Provide an "Introduction to TNI" webcast for new members.	3/11: Jerry Parr has developed a draft to be reviewed at the April meeting. 4/11: Draft presentation reviewed and committee decided it needs to be broken down into a simple overview and then others with more details on each program. 5/13: The Committee reviewed Jerry's slides and provided feedback. 6/10: The new presentation was finalized. It is much shorter, because some detail was removed for additional presentations such as CSDP and NELAP.
Provide a "History of TNI and Laboratory accreditation" webinar for new members and the public.	3/11: Existing free webinar by Jerry Parr and Marlene Moore, *Ensuring the Competency of Environmental Data Generation by accreditation*, is adequate for this goal. 5/13: It looks like Jerry and Marlene's current course that is posted is sufficient.
Monitor EPA/federal activities for opportunities to share TNI's activities and promote national accreditation.	4/8: NELAP Vision and Outreach Plan – Possibly meet with EPA people in Houston.
Deliver the State of National Accreditation Report to non-NELAP state contacts and trade associations at least every two years.	2/11: In progress with anticipated completion in December 2026.

	4/8: Work will begin on this in July. 7/8: Jerry is sending a copy of the last report and a copy of the annual update to each Program to review and edit to prepare this report. He is also working on an SOP on how this report is developed every two years.
Look for opportunities to add TNI Ambassadors for non-NELAP states.	2/11: One new ambassador, Heather Morgan – Alabama. 3/11: The Committee had its Ambassadors Meeting. One request is to have the Committee help Ambassador's provide updates by providing material for them to share.
Sustain	
- organizing newsletter publication	2/11: Next Newsletter to be published in June 2026. 6/10: Newsletter is being formatted and should be published this month. 7/8: Newsletter completed and distributed on June 16
- support for Small Laboratory Advocate role	
Provide outreach (e.g., presentations and papers) to promote The NELAC Institute and TNI's programs.	2/11: 2026 Presentations confirmed: March 2026 ACIL P2 – Jerry Parr – Update on TNI (virtual) April 2026 A2LA AnnCon - Paul Junio – Update on TNI Standards May TCEQ Trade Fari – Jerry Parr - Update on TNI Standards 7/8: July Water Environment Association of Texas – Elizabeth Turner - Update on TNI Standards 3/11: Jerry is planning an NEMC presentation with Judy. Lab's need more flexibility in modifying methods for their use. This flexibility could be granted if they are TNI accredited laboratories following their documented quality management system. This will be a plenary talk. 5/13: September 2026 IAS ELAP – Jerry Parr – Update on TNI Standards
Develop a new White Paper on acceptance of NELAP accreditations by non-NELAP states.	
Serve as the Steering Committee for TNI's Annual Meeting	2/11: 2027 Forum will be in Long Beach from January 11-14.

2027 FORUM
January 11-14, 2027
Hyatt Regency Long Beach

Preliminary Schedule

Time	Monday: 1/11	Tuesday: 1/12	Wednesday: 1/13	Thursday: 1/14
8-12 PM	**General Session** 8:00 Welcome new Attendees 9:00 Annual Meeting 10:30 TBD	- Assessment Forum - PT/PTPT EC - Prof Dev o Training o Credentials	- QMS - Micro	Credentials Exam California Session OCSD Field Trip
12-1	Lunch on Own (11:30-1:00)	Lunch Provided	Lunch Provided	
1-5 PM	- Mentor Session - NELAP AC & EC - WET	- FAC/NEFAP - RadioChem - QMS	- Chemistry - LAB - NGAB/Advocacy 4:15 Committee Reports	TNI Staff mtg
5:30	Reception		Board reception	

Exhibit program runs from 3:00 on Monday to 3:30 pm on Tuesday.

Conduct other activities delegated to the Advocacy Committee	2/11: New tasks being considered: - Promote use of NGABs - Promote credentialing 4/8: Promote Use of NGABs – Article planned in newsletter. 7/8: Article was not completed. The Committee reviewed the presentation given in Boston and Jerry is developing a starting draft that he and Ilona will distribute to the NGABs for input. Promote Credentialing – Advocacy will provide support as needed. Credentialing Committee will work on an article for the newsletter. Single PT – Jerry forwarded the new vision for a single PT for laboratories that only work in their home state to only perform one PT annually, at the option of the AB, to the PT Committee. The committee responded favorably indicating this was part of the new risk management approach in ISO and will be looking into this during their Standard revision. PT acceptance limits - The committee discussed an issue raised limits may have a bias because of how data is reported for each method – same number reported for multiple methods and pooled into calculation of limits.
Administrative Activities	4/8: New Action List table developed for minutes to better track committee activities.

10.2 Policy Committee

2026 Objectives	Status
Continue to develop and/or review SOPs and Policies	See Table below.

Policy/SOP No.	Description	Status

SOP 1-132	Formation of TNI Committees and Task Forces	2/11: Revised SOP provided for Board review and approval.
SOP 1-100	Format Guidelines for Standard Operating Procedures (SOPS) of TNI	3/11: Revised SOP provided for Board review and approval.
SOP 1-101	Operation of TNI Committees	3/11: Revised SOP provided for Board review and approval. 6/10: New revision provided for Board review and approval.
SOP 2-100	Standards Development	3/11: Revised SOP provided for Board review.
SOPs 6-110, 6-117, 6-128, 6-129	Training SOPs	4/8: Renumbered to reflect new PFP. Provided for Board review.
SOP 2-103	CSDP SOPs	4/8: Conforming changes to reflect ANSI change. Provided for Board review.
SOP 4-109	PT Program Standards Review and Adoption	4/8: Added to Policy queue. 6/10: Provided to the Board for their consideration.
SOP 1-130	Maintenance of the TNI Glossary	6/10: Provided for Board review and approval.
SOP 1-104	Control of TNI Documents and Records	6/10: Review initiated.
SOP 1-106	Development and Approval of TNI Policies and SOPs	In the queue (5-year review).

Begin Maintaining Glossary.	
Conduct a 10-year review of the TNI Bylaws and Quality Management Plan.	2/11: QMP provided to the Board. 4/8: Revised QMP provided to the Board.
Conduct other activities delegated to the Policy Committee	2/11: Started review of Guidance Document on Consumables. 3/11: Review continued but tabled to review SOP 2-100. 4/8: Review started back up. 80% complete. 5/13: Review complete and document returned to Task Force.
Administrative Activities	

10.3 Environmental Measurement Symposium

The 2026 Symposium will be in Houstin, TX from August 3-7, 2026.

2025 Environmental Measurement Symposium
Conference at a Glance (Final)

Mon 8/3	Tues 8/4	Wed 8/5	Thu 8/6	Fri 8/7
8:15 Carter award	8:15 Keynote	8:15 Plenary ession	8:15-9:45 EPA Program Updates (3)	
9:00-12:00	9:00-12:00			Credentials Exam Radiochemistry Training Course
NEMC Air (5)	NEMC LIMS (5)			
NEMC AI (5)	NEMC Consensus (5)		10:00 – 12:00	
NEMC Real Time (5)	NEMC Organics (5)		NEMC Community (4)	
TNI Micro	TNI NELAP AC & EC		NEMC Forensics (3)	
TNI Assessment Forum	TNI PTEC/PTPEC		NEMC MECL2 (4)	
			TNI Radiochemistry	
			TNI QMS	
Lunch on Own	**Lunch**	**Lunch on own** +5 Vendor Lunches	**Lunch**	
1:30 – 5:00	**1:00 – 3:00**	1:30 – 5:00	1:00 – 5:00	
NEMC DW (6)	NEMC Design (4)	NEMC Data (6)	NEMC Reliable Data (7)	
NEMC Organics (6)	NEMC Metals (4)	NEMC Management (6)	NEMC PFAS (7)	
NEMC PFAS (7)	NEMC MicroP (3)	NEMC PFAS (6)	NEMC HRMS (8)	
TNI Mentor	TNI Chemistry	TNI PDP	TNI QMS (1-4)	
TNI LAB	TNI WET	TNI Chemistry	TNI Field (1-4)	
Reception 5:30	Showcase 3:30 -5:30	Exhibit close 3:30	Committee Report 4:15-5	

2/11: The theme for this year's Symposium is Strengthening Public Trust in Science. 125 abstracts (97 oral and 28 poster) have been submitted for the NEMC part of the meeting. A draft of the TNI schedule was provided to committee chairs. 30 organizations (39 tables), including 5 lunch sponsors and 3 meeting sponsors, have signed up to be exhibitors; the meeting space has room for 68 tables.
3/11: 125 abstracts (112 oral and 32 poster) have been submitted for the NEMC part of the meeting. The TNI schedule is set as shown above with 12 committee meeting, the assessment forum, and mentor session. The EPA drinking water, wastewater, and hazardous waste programs have all committed to providing an update. Registration is on track to open April 6. 34 organizations (44 tables), including 5 lunch sponsors and 4 meeting sponsors, have signed up to be exhibitors; the meeting space has room for 68 tables.
4/8: 134 abstracts (111 oral and 33 poster) have been accepted for the NEMC part of the meeting. Attendee registration opened as planned on April 6. 43 organizations (54 tables), including 5 lunch sponsors, 5 meeting sponsors, and 5 Cybernet café sponsors have signed up to be exhibitors; the meeting space has room for 68 tables.
5/13: 55 organizations (65 tables), including 5 lunch sponsors, 5 meeting sponsors, and 5 Cybernet café sponsors have registered and exhibit registration closed. All meeting rooms assigned and Program of Events provided to the hotel. As of 5/13, 112 attendees registered and the room block is at 733 of the 1200 needed.
6/10: The chemistry meeting on Monday was flipped with the mentor session on Wednesday. As of 6/8, 200 attendees not counting exhibitors and the room block is at 1174 rooms of the 1320 minimum required.
7/8: AS of 8/6, 324 attendees and 130 exhibitor attendees registered. 24 presenters are not registered. Hotel room block is at 1513 room nights of the minimum of 1200. Early registration and hotel registration closes on July 10.

10.4 NGAB Evaluations

2025 Objectives	Status
Complete NGAB re-evaluation process.	2/11: Schedule completed in February.

	3/11: See summary in NEFAP and PTP. A2LA review of application material and checklist begins 3/15/26.

11. TASK FORCES AND OTHER EFFORTS

11.1 Consumables Task Force

2026 Objectives	Status
Prepare guidance document.	2/11: Document provided to Policy in December 2025
Upon Policy Committee approval develop implementation tools and training for laboratories use of the Guidance document.	4/8 Policy Committee comments and questions on implementation received. Comments primarily editorial and if approved by CTF would be accepted. 5/13 Final Policy Committee comments and suggestions for changes received and will be presented to the task force at the May meeting. 6/10 Task Force reviewed Policy committee comments/suggestions and with few exceptions found them acceptable. The introduction to Appendix E has also been redrafted and will undergo task force review in June prior seeking final Policy Committee approval.
Dissolve the Task Force	

11.2 Feedback Task Force

2026 Objectives	Status
Conduct the survey.	2/11: Survey sent to over 6000 individuals on 2/3. Responses are due by 2/18/26. 53 responses have been received. 3/11: Summary will be provided to the Task Force in March. 4/8: Survey resent in March and responses will be tabulated in April. 5/13: Survey responses provided to the Task Force. 7/8: Task Force did not meet in June but redrafted introduction to Appendix E edited and distributed to members for approval during July meeting.
Develop recommendations.	
Dissolve the Task Force	

11.3 CSDP Task Force

2026 Objectives	Status
Develop a replacement for ANSI to evaluate this program.	3/11: Task Force consists of Jerry, Paul, Bob, Alfredo and Marlene Moore. Draft of RFP in

- Develop a Request for Proposal (RFP) and send to NGABs for assistance in identifying potential contractors. - Evaluate proposals. - Issue a contract.	development. 4/8: No progress on RFP. 5/13: Draft RFP provided to Task Force.

12. MEMBERSHIP

- 1129 active members

12.1 Committee Applications – Voting/Associate

Name	Organization	Interest	Committee
Chrystal Sheaff	Chrystal Quality Services, LLC	Associate	Expert: Chemistry
Hannah Pine	Virginia DEQ	Voting	Expert: Whole Effluent Toxicity
Ashley Roberts	HRSD	Associate	Expert: Microbiology
Carion Goulbourne	Tallahassee Water Quality Laboratory	Voting	Expert: QMS
Matthew Jones	KDHE	Voting	Expert: Whole Effluent Toxicity
Carol Gebhart	ALS Group USA - Environmental	Associate	Expert: LAB
Chelsea Smith	Guadalupe-Blanco River Authority	Associate	Expert: Microbiology
Kenneth Najuch	EMSL Analytical Inc	Voting	Expert: Asbestos

12.2 New and Renewed Members:

- 213 New and Renewed memberships in June, 2026. New members are listed below:

12.3 Expired Memberships

- Of the 30 expired memberships from May, 6 renewed after contact (1 retired, and 1 moved into a new role). Emails were sent to June expired members on July 1, 2026.

- 37 Memberships Expired in June