

SUMMARY

TNI CHEMISTRY EXPERT COMMITTEE MEETING

July 10, 2024

The Chemistry Expert Committee (CEC) met Wednesday July 10, 2024, at 2:00 PM ET. The meeting was conducted using Microsoft Teams. Chair Michelle Wade conducted the meeting.

Roll Call

Joseph Manzella, OCSD (Lab)	Present
Nicole Cairns, NYS DOH (Lab)	Present
Melissa Jackson, OR ELAB (AB)	Absent
Calista Daigle, Pace (Lab)	Present
Tony Francis, Saw Environmental (Other)- Vice Chair	Present
Durant Maske, Southern Companies (Lab)	Present
Stephanie Rippeon, A2LA (AB)	Absent
Donaciano Cantu, Red River Scientific (other)	Present
Anand Mudambi, US EPA	Absent
Denice Johnson, NEORSD (Lab)	Present
Ali Boren, State of Vermont (AB)	Present
Joann Slavin, NYSDOH (AB)	Present
Chad Stoike, ALS Global (Lab)	Present
Michelle Wade, Pace Analytical Services (Lab)- Chair	Present
Robert Wyeth, Program Administrator	Present

A quorum was present, and the meeting was proceeded

Associate members present were Kyle Grogan, Karl Yang, Antoine Chamsi, Ashley Roberts, Mark Vandewarker, Hung Yu, Peter Coral, Ryan Lerch Marie Wu, Brian Mercer, Charles Faulk, Milton Campbell and Tracy Varvel. Keven Stone, A new member of the OK DEQ and soon to be applicant to TNI/CEC attended as a quest.

Approval of the Agenda

The agenda was previously provided (Attachment 1) and was approved by consent of the committee. Ryan Lerch asked to add a discussion of the new EPA rule on methylene chloride be added to the agenda. It will be discussed during the new business section of the meeting.

Review and Approval of May Minutes

A copy of the May 2024 minutes was previously provided. The May minutes were approved by email ballot of the CEC and submitted to William for posting. The June minutes are also previously presented.

The June minutes were presented and following a motion by Don and a second by Joe, the June minutes were approved by unanimous vote of the committee. The June minutes will be submitted to William for posting.

SIR Review/Status

As previously reported, the committee has no SIR to which they have not submitted the required response. No new responses have been received from the LASEC/AC regarding any unresolved SIRs.

Summer Meeting Agenda

Bob reminded attendees of the summer TNI meeting in Anaheim, CA in August and suggested those planning on attendance should register and make their hotel reservations.

The committee was also advised that Bob and Michelle had developed and submitted an agenda for the Summer meeting in Anaheim. The agenda will include an introduction of the committee, recent committee activities, a review of SIR status, presentation of proposed changes to EL V1M4 suggested to date by the CEC as well as an opportunity for further discussion and potentially more input on additional changes, time permitting.

Questions for TNI Credentialing Effort - Review of comments and questions from Jerry Parr on behalf of credentialing effort

As previously reported, the list of questions from the CEC reference EL V1M4 were submitted for consideration. Michelle received a review of said questions from Jerry. The committee reviewed each of the suggestions and additions that Jerry proposed. With a few additional changes from the group, the committee proposed or made minor modifications to Jerry's suggestions. A motion was made by Don and seconded by Joann to accept the document as edited and return it to Jerry. Michelle will submit the edited document back to Jerry.

Michelle also noted that in the email submitting his commendations on the credentialing questions, Jerry mentioned a number of additional items that he would like the CEC to consider in the continuing development of the revised DS. These additional items will be considered as the committee continues.

Continuation of overall EL V1M4 review and preparation of DS

Due primarily to computer difficulties of the PA, this item on the agenda was formally tabled till the September meeting. The meeting in Anaheim may provide some opportunities in this regard prior to the September meeting.

New/Old Business

Ryan Lerch of the OK DEQ requested input from the committee members on implementation of the new EPA rule on methylene chloride limitations in laboratories. The question in affect was how can ABs develop a "path-forward" relative to accreditation/compliance with the rule now in effect? Both Chad from ALS and Calista from Pace have been involved in their organization's compliance with this rule. Their comments and the general consensus of the other committee members was that while the impact is significant for laboratories, AB likely need to do little or nothing relative to this new rule unless changes in operational laboratory practices were the impact on compliance with EL V1M4.

It was noted that EPA has provide a Compliance Guide which is available via the EPA website concerning Risk Management and specifically methylene chloride.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:20 PM ET. The Chemistry Expert Committee will convene in Anaheim during the August TNI meeting. The next scheduled meeting of the CEC is September 4, 2024.

Attachment 1

Chemistry Expert Committee Meeting July 10, 2024; 2:00 PM

Agenda

Michelle Wade, Chair
Tony Francis, Vice-Chair

1. Roll call
2. Approval/modifications of agenda
3. Review and Approval of May and June minutes
4. SIR Review/Status
5. Summer Meeting Agenda
6. Questions for TNI Credentialing Efforts
 - Review of comments and questions from Jerry Parr on behalf of credentialing effort
7. Continuation of overall EL V1M4 review and preparation of DS
8. Membership Discussion
9. New/old business; Summer meeting

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