

Summary
TNI Chemistry Expert Committee Meeting
Wednesday, January 14, 2026; 8:00 AM-12:00 PM ET

The meeting was initiated by Michelle Wade, the out-going Chair of the CEC who has led the committee's efforts in production of the Draft Standard. Michelle introduced the committee members and advised the attendees that a number of vacancies were available for participation on the CEC and asked any interested TNI members to submit an application through the TNI website. She expressed her thanks to retiring Vice-Chair Dr. Tony Francis and the other members rotating off the committee for all their support.

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	Absent
Durant Maske, Southern Companies (Lab)	Present
Stephanie Rippeon, A2LA (AB)	Present
Donaciano Cantu, Red River Scientific (other)	Present
Nevein Narouz, City of St. Petersburg, FL	Absent
Anand Mudambi, Retired US EPA	Present
Denice Johnson, NEORSD (Lab)	Present
Ali Boren, State of Vermont (AB)	Absent
Joann Slavin, NYSDOH (AB)	Absent
Chad Stoike, ALS Global (Lab)	Present
Michelle Wade, Wade Consulting (Other)- Chair	Present
Robert Wyeth, Program Administrator	Present

The Chemistry Expert Committee is responsible for development and maintenance of standards that improve and ensure the technical quality of environmental chemical testing data. Specifically, the committee is responsible for EL V1M4, Quality Systems for Chemical Testing. The CEC has recently posted a Draft Standard for EL V1 M4 which was a principle focus of the meeting.

The 2025 activities of the committee were then presented and reflected, in addition to development on the Draft Standard, attempts to resolve two open SIR for which the committee has submitted their response, assistance as requested from other committees, and administrative matters.

The newly elected Chair, Nicole Cairns and Vice-Chair Denise Johnson were introduced to the attendees. Nicole then joined Michelle in leading the reminder of the meeting. As previously mentioned, the Draft Standard for EL V1M4 has been posted and the comment period has now closed. Numerous comments have been received and are included in the

committee's Response to Comments (R2C) form. The R2C form was presented and was reviewed by Nicole. Additional comments as well as remarks related to the comments received during the comment period were solicited from the session participants.

The remaining meeting was consumed by the R2C review. Valued comments were received and many comments were resolved to the satisfaction of the committee. The remaining comments will be addressed by the committee during their monthly conference calls until such time as all comments are resolved and commenters are advised of said resolution. The review of the comments received has produced persuasive comments and the Draft Standard will be revised and re-posted for an additional comment period and potential additional changes.