

**NEFAP Executive Committee (NEFAP EC)  
Field Activities Expert Committee (FAC)  
Meeting Summary  
August 3, 2023**

1. Roll call:

Tracy Szerszen, NEFAP EC Chair, called the combined meeting to order on August 3, 2023, at 9am Eastern in Minneapolis. Attendance is included in Attachment A - there were 8 NEFAP EC voting members present and 11 FAC voting members present.

NEFAP Voting Members Present: Patrick Selig, Kevin Holbrook, Tracy Szerszen (Chair)

On Webex: David Fricker, Justin Brown, Kim Watson, Paul Bergeron (Vice-Chair), Jeremy Driver

FAC Voting Members Present: Elizabeth West, Jack Denby, Patrick Selig

On Webex: Adam Szafran, Hong Yu, David Fricker, Jeremy Driver, Marlene Moore (Vice-Chair), Scott Haas (Chair), Tyler Sullens, Shannon Swantek,

2. Review of Changes to FSMO NEFAP Volume 1 and 2 Standards

Scott reviewed slides to show the current changes to the Volume 1 and 2 Standards.

The Committee hopes to post DRAFT Standards (Volume 1 and 2) in the next 2 months. They will also send a copy to the NEFAP EC for comment.

3. Training and Presentations

PFAS

Paul Junio commented that PFAS sampling requirements could be overkill. Mainly concerned about cross contamination.

Kevin volunteered one of his staff to teach a sampling class.

Presentation Opportunities

Jerry will be doing a talk as part of a field panel in Oregon late September.

DoD - QSM meeting – TNI will attend.

Training

- DW and Groundwater NPDES - people not accredited to NEFAP.
- NEFAP training classes are an opportunity for people to learn more about NEFAP. Class topics should be general enough that field people are interested in taking them even if they are not NEFAP accredited.
- Justin - Still trying to develop more interest in NEFAP. Need topics of interest to the wider community then add some TNI to help spark their interest.
- Elizabeth - Maintenance and calibration of field equipment. Does this overlap with Marlene's class? Ilona will talk to Marlene.
- 1 hr presentation on traceability of field measurement. Jerry Parr will look into this.
- Take a portion of the Field sampling class that silky taught and turn them into Brown Bag sessions quarterly. Could be expanded into other field related topics. A way to engage regularly with the field community.
- Randy Query noted there may be an opportunity from an 8/1/23 - Fed Register rule regarding dust abatement. Randy can help with a contact.
- Renewed focus on lead abatement - could be an opportunity for this group.
- Innovative approaches for documenting field work.

### Mini Conclave or Workshop

#### Lessons Learned from Sampling and Analysis for PFAS in Field Blanks

- Is all of this really necessary? Are we seeing contamination issues? Are there ways to lesson contamination? How do you schedule workflow for field blanks? Collect at every site? Demonstrate no problem with field blanks?
- Each presenter summarize how they are doing the sampling. UCMR-5 requires but is it really needed?
- What method are they using and how well are they following it?
- Are excessive field blanks being analyzed needlessly?
- Any work on root cause analysis - what is causing the contamination?
- Important to get people in the lab to talk about whether this is a problem?
- Presentations
  - JEA – Speaker – Vance
  - PACE
  - CA - Jerry

- Michigan – Tracy (Document this morning – Does it really matter? State speakers to talk about what is happening?)
  - Massachusetts - Jerry
  - EPA
  - LABs
  - Sampling groups
  - Include 1/2 hour talk for NEFAP Accreditation
- Panel of experts Discussion – 3 to 4
    - Get input from EPA
    - Janis
  - Tracy will work on a Flyer targeting November for the workshop.

Adjourned – 12pm Eastern