

Proficiency Testing Expert Committee Public Meeting Summary August 4, 2025

The Committee convened in a public forum on Monday, August 4, 2025, at 1:30 PM CT during the TNI Environmental Measurement Symposium in St. Louis, MO. PTEC Chair Carol Gebhart led the meeting. The call was recorded for additional attendee review through the TNI portal.

Roll Call

Thekkekalathil Chandrasekhar (Chandra), FLDEP (Lab)	Present
Carol Gebhart, ALS Global (Lab) – Chair	Present
Amy Pollard, Georgia Pacific (Lab)	Absent
Ryan Pangelinan, State of Oregon (AB)	Absent
Ron Houck, PA DEQ (AB)	Absent
Rachel Ellis, NJ DEP (AB)	Absent
Amy DeMarco, NYSDOH (Other)	Absent
Patrick Selig, ANAB (AB)	Present
Nick Slawson, A2LA (AB)	Present
Hei Man Barrio, LACSD (Lab)	Absent
Brian Stringer, ERA (Other)	Absent
Danielle Pearman, Phenova (Other)	Absent
Marina Aziz, NYSDOH (AB)	Absent
Taryn Hurley, OK DEQ (AB)	Present
Robert Wyeth, Program Administrator	Absent

A number of Associate Committee Members were also present who actively participated in the public meeting. Ilona Taunton provided Program Administrator support as Bob had a conflict with the Chemical Expert Committee meeting scheduled for the same time.

Meeting Agenda

The meeting agenda is presented as attachment 1.

A copy of the PowerPoint presentation used for the meeting is attached below.



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Introduction

Carol introduced the PTEC members present and reviewed other members as illustrated in the referenced PowerPoint. Carol also thanked the Associates present and expressed the committee's appreciation for the active participation and contributions of all of the committee members.

Review Of Recent Activities and SIR Status

The recent activities of the PTEC have focused on the preparation of EL V4 (General Requirements for Accreditors of Proficiency Test Providers). The Draft Standard (DS) for EL V4 was posted on the TNI website on June 23, 2025, with a 90-day comment period (closes on September 20, 2025, unless an executive committee requests an extension). The committee, since the posting of EL V4 has returned to finalizing EL V3 (General Requirements for Proficiency Test providers). After development of EL V3, the PTEC will return to review of EL V1M1 (Requirements for Laboratories performing Proficiency Testing) and EL V2M2 (Requirements for Accrediting Bodies for Proficiency Testing). The PTEC received no valid SIR and has no outstanding responses to the LASEC. If any SIRs are received, they will be addressed consistently with prevailing requirements.

Presentation of EL V4

The DS for EL V4 is a complete rewrite of the previous standard. The current DS is consistent with ISO 17011 and provides for improved usability and implementability. The DS also includes additional TNI specific requirements. A copy of the DS for EL V4 and the accompanying Justification Document are available on the TNI website.

Carol reviewed the DS for EL V4 and received specific comments. Notation of said comments were made, and the committee will address comments and include, where appropriate, resolution of these comments during the Response to Comments process as defined in SOP 2-100.

Some specific comments/suggestions included compliance with the TNI Style Guide (SOP 2-103), use of the term PTP AB as opposed to PTPAB for consistency with NELAP AB and NEFAP AB, and that references to ISO citations contain the date.

The PTEC Chair noted that the requested language changes dealing with data from FoPT tables was now included in the DS.

To date no other public comments have yet to be received regarding EL V4.

Changes proposed in DS of EL-V3

The current version under development by the PTEC of EL V3 was then presented for public review and comment. Notation of said comments were made, and the committee will address comments and consider them as they move toward completion of the DS for EL V3 which is anticipated by the end of the year.

Specific comments regarding EL V3 were as follows:

- check the reference on ISO Guide 30 definitions because new version may be out at the end of the year
- work with the TNI Glossary to check on consistency with definitions in other Standards in development.
- remove 4.6 as unnecessary requirement
- Section 5.2.c (conflict of Interest); should this be a note
- review language regarding unresolved complaints and 90 day requirement
- effective date of FoPT tables; clarify
- add FoPT tables as Normative reference

- Section 5.5.2 Soil Matrix; only soil discussed, other matrices; title should be Soil Chemical Matrix; why 90%
- Section 5.5.3.5 suggest rewording to clarify
- anything covered by Normative documents (ISO 17043) should be removed (no specific reference)
- remove reference to protozoa; no provider
- Section 5.7.5 (Assigned Values for WETT analyses) may need to be adjusted based on potential changes prior to finalizing EL V3
- study instructions need to be adjusted for low volume analysis techniques
- committee reminded of multiple reporting of one result as different technologies and how this impacts the studies

These comments and all others received during the comment period will be addressed through the R2C process by the PTEC consistent with SOP 2-100.

Status of EL-V1M1 and EL-V2M2

As previously presented, actions on EL V1M1 and EL V2M2 have been tabled until the EL V4 is completed and EL V3 has been posted.

Adjournment

The meeting concluded at approximately 3:20 PM CT. The next meeting of the PTEC is scheduled for September 5, 2025, at 11:00 AM ET utilizing Microsoft Teams.

Attachment 1
PTEC Meeting Agenda
2025 Environmental Measurement Symposium
St. Louis, Missouri
Monday, August 4, 2025; 1:30 PM

1. Introduction
 - Current membership
2. Review Of Recent Activities and SIR Status
3. Presentation EL-V4
 - a. Review and Comment/Open Discussion
4. Changes proposed in DS of EL-V3
 - a. Presentation and Open Discussion
5. Status of EL-V1M1 and EL-V2M2