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Proficiency Testing Program Executive Committee
Chemistry FoPT Subcommittee
Meeting Summary
April 16, 2026

The Committee met in special session via teleconference on Wednesday, April 16, 2026 at 11:00 AM ET. The call was recorded with Microsoft Teams for the sole purpose of preparing a meeting summary and will be deleted after their production. Subcommittee Chair, Amy DeMarco led the meeting. The sole purpose of the meeting was to further review the Analyte Request Application (ARA) previously submitted regarding the inclusion of Uranium analysis by means of radioactive activity within the drinking water metals FoPT table in addition to its inclusion in the radiochemistry FoPT table. The meeting was an ad hoc assembly without any other “administrative” matters addressed. The only item presented at the meeting was the resolution of the ARA. No quorum was required nor present for this special ad hoc meeting. The sole purpose was to develop a recommendation regarding the ARA to the PTP EC.

Attendees

Amy DeMarco, Chemistry FoPT Subcommittee Chair
Tim Miller
Rachel Ellis
Carl Kircher
Matt Grimes
Windsor Molnar

Michella Karapondo, a PTP EC member presenting EPA and two of her associates also joined the meeting for discussion of the Uranium (mass) issue. Her associates were Robert Rosson, a contracted auditor/subject matter expert in Radiochemistry and Katie Hoffman, a radiochemist in the EPA office of DW and GW.

Summary and Recommendations



FoPT Analyte Request
Application DW Urani

After discussion, the consensus was that the subcommittee either reject the current ARA for Uranium (mass) or Rachel withdraws the current ARA for Uranium (mass). The withdrawal of the ARA is permissible under SOP 4-107, if withdrawn is accomplished within 90 days of presentation to and acceptance by the PTPEC (i.e., 4/28/2026). EPA experts present on the call, our subcommittee members as well as associates present all agreed that the best course of action would be to have Rachel withdraw the ARA and submit a new ARA to have the radiochemistry analytes added in their entirety to the Drinking water FoPT table.