

**PTPEC Chemistry FoPT Subcommittee
Proficiency Testing Program Executive Committee**

**Meeting Summary
March 5, 2026**

Welcome and Roll Call

Subcommittee Chair Amy DeMarco welcomed participants to the call. The meeting was conducted utilizing Microsoft Teams. Participants were advised that the call was being recorded and that the recording would be deleted after approval of the meeting minutes.

Roll Call

Amy DeMarco	Present
Stephen Arpie	Absent
Kathryn Chang	Present
Kevin Thompson	Absent
Rachel Ellis	Present
Charles Faulk	Present
Matt Graves	Present
Svetlana Izosimova	Absent
Carl Kircher	Absent
Patrick Selig	Absent
Aaron Bindel	Absent
Bob Wyeth-Program Administrator	Present

A quorum was not present, but the meeting proceeded on an informational basis only.

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.

Approval of the Agenda

The agenda, attached below, was previously presented to all members of the subcommittee. In the absence of a quorum the agenda could not be approved.

Review of February Meeting Minutes

The February 5, 2025 minutes were presented. In the absence of a quorum review and approval will be attempted by email ballot.

ARA Uranium (mass)



FoPT Analyte Request
Application DW Urani

Amy shared on Teams a copy of the ARA for U (mass) and reviewed the history and background of the situation resulting in the ARA. Prolonged discussion proceeded on the topic and the question of why such an addition was necessary was raised, if the criteria is the same for both U (mass) and U (activity). Robert Rossen raised the question of EPA approval/acceptance of PT providers for U. Only one PT provider is recognized for radiochemistry, but other vendors are providing PT samples containing U and subsequently being accredited by AB.

The process of PTP approval was also presented but is not believed to specifically address the issue.

The April meeting will include continuing discussion of the topic. Robert Rossen, Katie Hoffman, and Winsor Molnar (MN ELAP and cosponsor of the ARA) will be invited to attend the April meeting. Amy will also ensure a member of applicable PTP are present for the call. It is anticipated that the subcommittee recommendations regarding the ARA will be presented to the PTP EC following the April Meeting.

FoPT 10-year review -Drinking Water

No time remained to address this agenda item. The topic will resume during the April meeting. However, email correspondence from both Amy and Carl suggest progress continues to be made regarding this effort. Completion of the evaluations was believed to be progressing at an acceptable rate.

Next Meeting Goals

While evaluations of additional drinking water analytes will continue, a focus of investigation will be to determine the failure rates of the analytes where segmented criteria have been previously established. Based upon these findings, the approach to further evaluation of these analytes may be required.

The subcommittee will continue to review the ARA for Uranium (mass) and make its recommendation on further processing to the PTP EC.

Open Discussion; New/Old business

No new or old business was presented.

The meeting of the PTP EC Chemistry FoPT Subcommittee adjourned at 12:00 PM ET. The next meeting of the subcommittee will be Thursday April 2, 2026.

Agenda

PTP EC Chemistry FoPT Subcommittee

March 5, 2026

11:00 AM ET

Amy DeMarco, Chair

Invitation: [Microsoft Teams](#)

- Welcome and Roll Call
- Approval of Agenda
- Review and approval of February 5, 2026 Meeting Minutes
- ARA for Uranium (mass)
- FoPT 10-year review -Drinking Water
 - o Discuss volatile organic analytes
 - o Review and possibly take action on analytes that have been sent via email on 02/20/2026
- Discuss next meeting goals
- Open Discussion
- Next meeting 04.02.2026 at 11:00am EST

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