

TNI PT Program Executive Committee Meeting Summary

June 26, 2024

1. Roll call, approval of minutes and overview:

Chair, Stacie Crandall, called the TNI PT Program Executive Committee (PTPEC) meeting to order at 11am Eastern on June 26, 2024. Attendance is recorded in Attachment A – there were ten (10) voting members present. Associate members present: Michella Karapondo, Charles Faulk, and Carl Kircher (by phone).

There were no changes made to the agenda and it was approved by unanimous consent.

2. DW FoPT Table - PFAS

Paul Junio (LAMS Administrator) has been working on LAMS to clean it up so there are fewer analyte codes for an analyte. Last meeting we looked at comments submitted in response to the posting of the DW FoPT Table with the addition of PFAS compounds. There was one commenter that provided extensive comments on consistency of nomenclature, so a small Workgroup was formed to work on nomenclature.

Michella put together a table showing how the DRAFT DW FoPT table, Method 533 and Method 537 name things. The Workgroup met and went through everything and decided go with how things were named in Method 533 and if they weren't in the list in Method 533 then the list is Method 537 would be used. They married things up as closely to the method list as they could, and Stacie updated the nomenclature based on what the Workgroup decided. It was then given to Amy.

Amy was concerned the nomenclature did not exactly match the methods. There were issues with spacing, italicizing and capitalization. Changes were made to the DRAFT DW Table to match exactly what in the two methods. The DRAFT DW table was then sent to Paul Junio and he went through it and updated LAMS as well. There is now continuity between the naming on the DRAFT DW FoPT table and the EPA methods.

Stacie asked if anybody had any questions about the LAMS method codes or the DRAFT DW FoPT table before the Committee moves ahead with a vote on the DRAFT DW FoPT table?

Stacie noted that the magenta text is what was changed. There are updates to the limits and nomenclature that need to vote on. The previous vote was for 40% limits for all compounds and the nomenclature previously included.

Tim asked about capitalization. Amy and Paul have checked this and all is correct in the table.

A motion was made by Craig to approve the DW FoPT table that was distributed by email on June 25, 2024, with the meeting agenda. All the new PFAS analytes should be colored in blue. The motion was seconded by Tim. The motion was amended by Craig and Tim to also include an effective date for the table of January 1, 2025.

Discussion:

If the table is approved, does it need to go back to the NELAP AC or PT Providers because of the nomenclature or limit changes? Stacie noted she talked to Kristin Brown (Chair, NELAP AC) and she did not submit any comments. The ABs on the call did not think it needed to be reviewed again. Craig and Tim (PT Providers) did not think it needed to be distributed again.

A roll call vote was taken:

Marina	Aziz	For
Jennifer	Best	Absent
Amy	DeMarco	For
Jack	Denby	For
Rachel	Ellis	For
Amanda	Fehr	For
Susan	Jackson	For
Tim	Miller	For
Prasanth	Ramakrishnan	Absent
Patrick	Selig	For
Stacie	Crandall	For
Craig	Huff	For

The motion has been approved by a Super Majority of the Committee. Stacie will prepare the table for posting on the TNI website.

3. Analytical Discipline and Technology

While the Committee waited for Ilona to join in to vote on the DRAFT DW FoPT table, Stacie reminded people about the technology discussion last month. PTPEC will continue to use the term “technology”.

There was a group that consisted of Debbie Bond, Paul Junio, a couple people from the AC, and Stacie. They discussed whether or not there was a way to not necessarily base everything on the term “technology”. It was suggested that the term “analytical discipline” could be used when looking at things from a quality management system (QMS) perspective like auditing. Everybody liked the idea. This term could also be used when discussing credentialing.

Paul Junio (Chair, CSDP EC) put together a broad-based approach to discuss analytical disciplines, but comments were received that this was not inclusive enough.

Way to discuss analytical disciplines and what came back was that it was not inclusive enough. Stacie displayed a document from Paul that showed the suggestions presented would be very messy and the CSDP EC felt they could not fix this. More effort is needed.

The PT program has been using the term “technology” for as long as the program has existed, and anything done with analytical disciplines is beyond what we do with PT's being reported based on technology.

Stacie thinks that PT needs to stay out of this and hold tight to our definition of technology and not get pulled into this discussion of analytical discipline.

Tim asked about the goal. Stacie commented that the original goal was to figure out a way to have a definition for technology that would work for PT, QMS, the NELAP AC and credentialing.

4. Summer Meeting Preparation

Susan shared a DRAFT of the presentation:

- The Committee will be voting in a new Chair at the July meeting. A Vice-Chair is still needed.
- Susan needs to send Subcommittee Chairs the slides to prepare for committee reports.
- The PTPA Annual Report needs to be added to the slides. Nick will be presenting and Patrick will submit a recording that will be presented.

Jack, Amanda, Susan, Tim, Craig, and Stacie are planning to be at the meeting in Garden Grove. Craig will need to make some travel changes and Amy is still hoping to attend.

5. Subcommittee Updates

Chemistry FoPT Subcommittee

They are still waiting for one last PT Provider's data.

WET FoPT Subcommittee

Craig is hoping to have a working DRAFT at the next meeting in July.

PTP SOP Subcommittee

SOP 4-101 (Limits) was returned by the Policy Committee and needs a review for flow of language.

Susan needs a new Chair for this Subcommittee. The Subcommittee meets every month for 1.5 hours. The Committee membership includes Jennifer, Jack, Prasanth and Susan (leaving). Amanda volunteered to be on the Committee.

6. New Business

None.

7. Action Items

The action items can be found in Attachment C. Attachment B includes a list of reminders.

8. Next Meeting

The next meeting will be on July 24, 2024, at 11:00am Eastern. The meeting was adjourned at 12:07 pm Eastern.

Attachment A
Participants
TNI
Proficiency Testing Program Executive Committee

Members	Rep	Affiliation	Contact Information
Stacie Crandall (2025*) (Chair) Present	Lab	HRSD	scrandall@hrsd.com
Ilona Taunton, Program Administrator Present at 1:20pm Eastern (recorded)		TNI	tauntoni@msn.com
Susan Jackson (2025*) (Vice-Chair) Present at 1:15pm Eastern	Lab	South Carolina DHEC	jacksosb@dhec.sc.gov
Amy DeMarco (2027*) Present	Other	NY	amy.demarco@health.ny.gov
Craig Huff (2027*) Present until 11:48pm Eastern	Other	QASE Inc.	craig_huff@waters.com
Tim Miller (2024*) Present.	Other	Phenova	timm@phenova.com
Jennifer Best (2025*) Absent	Other	USEPA	Best.Jennifer@epa.gov
Jack Denby (2025*) Present	Lab/FSMO	HRSD	jdenby@hrsd.com
Rachel Ellis (2025) Present	AB	New Jersey DEP	Rachel.ellis@dep.nj.gov
Patrick Selig (2024*) Present	AB	ANAB	pselig@anab.org
Prasanth Ramakrishnan (2024*) Absent	AB	ISA	pramakrishnan@iasonline.org
Amanda Fehr (2027*) Present	Lab	GEL	amanda.fehr@gel.com
Marina Aziz (2027*) Present	AB	NY	marina.aziz@health.ny.gov

Attachment B

Backburner / Reminders – TNI PT Executive Committee

	Item	Meeting Reference	Comments
7	Add the Field PT Subcommittee to the limit update SOP during its next update.	3/4/10	In Progress
11	Evaluate how labs are accredited for analytes that co-elute.	5-19-11	See meeting reference for details.
13	Charter needs to be reviewed/updated in November.	Ongoing	
18	Shawn noted that PTPEC should have some specific measurements. This should be passed along to the PTP SOP Subcommittee. Nicole noted that we need to determine which items to measure.	6-29-17	To be added to 2021 goals.
19	Review possible issues surrounding one vendor for Radiochemistry PTs.	3/24/23	

Attachment C: PTPEC Committee Action Item Summary – 2023/2024

Item	Task Description	Document Number	TNI Contact	Task Added	Start Date	Due Date	Complete Date	Comments
431	Discuss with IT Committee the need for LAMS updates to be communicated to the PTPEC.			10/31/19				2/17/21: Shawn to discuss with Mei Beth and Jerry.
437	Reach out to Sennet Kim and ANAB to confirm there is still an issue related to SCM FoPT table metals footnotes for fixed limits.			3/26/20	3/26/20			2/17/21: On-going Shawn working with William to access data. 4/21/22: Shawn to follow-up. Sennet has left A2LA. 8/17/22: Shawn thinks this is still an issue. Need to look at this during evaluations. Fred said Nick Slawson is taking over as PT contact for A2LA.

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455	Update SOP 4-107: FoPT Table Management	SOP 4-107	PTP SOP Subcommittee	2/19/21			11/29/23	<p>2/18/21: Need procedures to make non-ARA changes to the table?</p> <p>3/16/21: Received initial Policy Committee comments to review.</p> <p>4/21/22: PTPEC approved. Sent to Policy Committee.</p> <p>8/12/22: Policy sent comments to PTPEC. Add to agenda.</p> <p>10/28/22: Sent to PTP SOP Subcommittee. To be discussed in December.</p> <p>2/23: A few more changes are needed. Resubmitted to PT SOP Subcommittee.</p> <p>10/27/23: SOP completed, approved by PTPEC and sent to Policy Committee for review.</p> <p>11/29/23: SOP approved and posted. COMPLETE</p>

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456	Update SOP 4-101: Recommendation, Evaluation, and Calculation of Acceptance Criteria and Applicable Concentration Ranges for Proficiency Tests	SOP 4-101	PTP SOP Subcommittee	2/18/21	2/18/21			<p>2/18/21: Combined workgroup established to complete SOP.</p> <p>3/18/21: workgroup met and SOP Subcommittee will send final DRAFT to Chemistry FOPT Subcommittee for examples.</p> <p>Update 8/17/22: Examples requested from Chemistry FoPT Subcommittee that has not met. PTPEC needs to talk about when the next limit updates will occur.</p> <p>3/24/23: Examples have been added by Chemistry FoPT Subcommittee and resubmitted to the PT SOP Subcommittee.</p> <p>6/23/23: Make sure SOP 4-101 includes procedures for how data is received.</p> <p>11/29/23: Submitted to PTPEC for final vote. Vote will be in December.</p> <p>12/18/23: Approved by Committee and sent to Policy for review.</p> <p>6/26/24: The SOP was returned to the Committee from Policy for language review and content flow.</p>

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458	Improve communication with non-TNI AB stakeholders.			2/18/21	8/1/22			<p>8/1/22: Discussed at Crystal City meeting. Need to help Advocacy update the White Paper to help reach out to other states. Ambassador program. Also need to include more non-NELAP ABs in the Executive and Expert committees. Outreach needed.</p> <p>10/28/22: Workgroup formed to update paper.</p> <p>3/24/23: Paper completed and sent to Advocacy Committee.</p>

459	ARA: PFAS on DW table		Chemistry FoPT Subcommittee	12/1/20	May 2021			<p>12/1/20: ARA sent to Chemistry FoPT Subcommittee</p> <p>2/18/21: Shawn has requested data. Subcommittee will start working on this after data is received.</p> <p>5/21/21: Data has been received. There may not be enough. Need to determine next steps.</p> <p>Update 8/17/22: Survey of labs is complete, and data needs to be looked at. Amy DeMarco will be new Subcommittee Chair.</p> <p>12/1/22: The Subcommittee will start working in February 2023.</p> <p>3/24/23: Requesting more data from labs and requested PT Data from William.</p> <p>11/29/23: Chem FoPT Submitted final recommendation to PTPEC. Needs further discussion in December.</p> <p>12/18/23: A motion was made by Tim to approve the update to the Drinking Water table to include PFAS limits for 29 analytes as recommended by the Chemistry FoPT Subcommittee and provided with the agenda to this meeting. The motion was seconded by Eric. Since Jack Denby is</p>
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							<p>on leave – super majority is 7/10. Motion passed.</p> <p>4/8/24: PFAS limits were distributed to a bigger stakeholder group for comment. Comments are due early May.</p> <p>4/24/24: A motion was made by Susan to have the Chemistry FoPT Subcommittee evaluate the 6 compounds in the PFAS rule with the limits of 70-130%. Look at Carl Kircher's data and the 2 – 25 times the MRL range for spiking. The motion as seconded by Craig and unanimously approved.</p> <p>- Stacie will send comments to Amy. Look at MRLs, look at data, calculate against 30% and how they come out.</p> <p>5/22/24: 7 Comments were received and reviewed by the Committee. Will look at a 1/1/25 implementation date.</p> <p>6/26/24: Work progressed on analyte codes and nomenclature for final posting of limits.</p> <p>A motion was made by Craig to approve the DW FoPT table that was distributed by email on June 25, 2024, with the meeting agenda. All the new PFAS analytes</p>
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460	Develop PT Program metrics			2/18/21	5/21/21			Update 8/17/22: Developed partially as Charter was updated. Need to formalize.
461	Finish update to Radiochemistry FoPT Table	- DW Rad FoPT		2/18/21			4/28/23	2/18/21: Table submitted to PTPEC. PTPEC waiting for SOP 4-101 to be complete before reviewing table. 4/21/22: Table footnotes need to be updated before PTPEC can vote. Shawn will make these updates. 11/22/22: Updates complete and approved by Committee. Being sent to NELAP AC and PT Providers for comment before effective date approved. 3/24/23: Vote for effective date. 4/28/23: Effective date changed to 11/1/23. Closed

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462	Feasibility: Radiochemistry Uncertainty to PT Evaluations			2/18/21	2/22			Jan 2022: Discussed in San Antonio. Radiochemistry Expert Committee to submit recommendation. 7/21/22: Recommendation sent to PTPEC for review. 10/28/22: Recommendations to be reviewed in November. 11/22/22: Radiochemistry Expert Committee recommendation to be sent to ERA for comment.
463	Feasibility: Technology Based PTs			2/18/21				
464	Feasibility: Add Prep Methods on FoPT tables			2/18/21				
465	Feasibility: Air and Emissions PTs			2/18/21				
470	Determine timing for update of FoPT limits.			7/21/22				Determine after completion of SOP 4-101.
471	Advocacy White Paper			1/11/23			4/28/23	Paper submitted.
472	DMR QA is requesting formal comments			1/11/23			2/24/23	Submitted.
473	State of Accreditation Update			4/28/23			Complete	The document was worked on during meeting and will be finalized by email and sent back to Lynn.
474	Ra-226 PTRL Issue – Respond			6/23/23	6/23/23		Complete	Stacie will prepare response and get feedback through email before sending to Annmarie.
475	Potentially develop better process to get data for FoPT table updates.			6/23/23				
476	Choose PTPA evaluator for upcoming evaluations.			10/27/23	10/27/23		10/27/23	Stacie will join Ilona to evaluate PTPAs.

