

TNI PT Program Executive Committee Meeting Summary

July 24, 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, Carl Kircher (phone only – 11:26am Eastern) and Rachel Hook (new Associate member).

Rachel Hook introduced herself as a new associate member. She is the Director of Laboratory Services at HRSD in Virginia.

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

The April 24, 2024, meeting minutes were reviewed by email and on screen. An editorial change needs to be made to new voting member contact information.

The May 22, 2024, meeting minutes were reviewed by email and on screen. An editorial change needs to be made to new voting member contact information.

The June 26, 2024, meeting minutes were reviewed by email and on screen. An editorial change needs to be made to new voting member contact information. Amanda volunteered to join the SOP Subcommittee but has not agreed to Chair. Spelling – Disciple should be discipline. Change Nic to Nick.

A motion was made by Tim to approve the April 24, 2024, May 22, 2024, and June 26, 2024 minutes with no changes other than corrections noted above. The motion was seconded by Susan and unanimously approved.

2. DW FoPT Table - PFAS

Stacie sent the responses as discussed to the seven comments received.

Stacie responded about the nomenclature and that all changes were made and that it has been aligned with the methods and TNI's LAMS for consistency.

A commenter asked for PTRL to be adjusted to match the trigger limits. Stacie responded that we have assigned these based on the PT data as described in our SOP's and that a review of these FoPT tables will be included in the next round of reviews and adjustments to PTRLs may be made at that time if it is necessary based on a larger set of data.

The May minutes included Stacie's responses. She did not hear back from any of the commenters after sending the response.

Stacie pulled up the DW FoPT Table to review the final PFAS information. She pulled it from the website. William will send out the notification about the update once he hears from Stacie that it is final after this meeting.

The six compounds have been adjusted to 30%, the remaining compounds were left at 40%.

There were no comments, so William can send out the notification.

3. Subcommittee Updates

Chemistry FoPT Subcommittee

They are still waiting for one last PT Provider's data. Jerry Parr and Ilona are working on this. Need to understand how much data is missing if the data is not received from this PT Provider. I will add a question to the letter being written.

It was asked whether PTPAs could provide this data. Why does it need to come from the PT Provider. No PTPA was on the call to respond.

Could we add this change to PT Expert Committee standards? It would be better to make this request before the post they their DRAFT Standard. Stacie recommends this be considered – Have the PTPA's supply the data.

Tim provides data to the PTPA and to TNI. He is not sure if what is sent to the PTPA includes the information TNI requests to review to establish new limits as needed. He does not believe what is sent to the PTPA includes everything.

Ilona noted that the PTPEC does not need to tell the PTPA how to collect the data. PTPEC would just request that the process change to PTPEC asking the PTPAs for the data and they can collect the data from the PT Providers. Currently, Volume 3 says PT Providers must send data and Volume 4 says PTPAs must monitor.

A Workgroup was developed to prepare language to send to the PT Expert Committee: Michella, Tim Miller, Susan, Stacie, and Ilona. The Workgroup will meet in Garden Grove right after the PTPEC meeting.

WET FoPT Subcommittee

Submitted slides for summer meeting.

PTP SOP Subcommittee

Still looking for a Subcommittee Chair. The new Subcommittee Chair can determine the meeting schedule. Amanda is willing to take on the Chair role.

4. Presentation for Garden Grove

Susan will send a copy of the presentation when it is completed by email to the Committee. She will ask for comments before she finalizes it.

5. New Business

There was no new business.

6. Action Items

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

7. New PTPEC Chair Discussion and Vote

Associate members were asked to end the call and only voting members were present for the discussion and vote.

Susan is willing to accept the Chair role of the PTPEC. Stacie will step into the role of Program Administrator and Ilona will continue to help through the end of August and as needed.

A motion was made by Amanda to appoint Susan as the Chair of the PTPEC as of August 5, 2024. The motion was seconded by Tim and unanimously approved.

8. Next Meeting

The next meeting will be in person on August 5, 2024, at 9am Eastern in Garden Grove, CA.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:30 pm Eastern. (Motion: Tim. Second: Amanda. Unanimously approved)

Attachment A
Participants
TNI
Proficiency Testing Program Executive Committee

| Members | Rep | Affiliation | Contact Information |
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| Stacie Crandall (2025*) (Chair) Present | Lab | HRSD | stacie.crandall@nelac-institute.org |
| Ilona Taunton, Program Administrator Present | | TNI | ilona.taunton@nelac-institute.org |
| Susan Jackson (2025*) (Vice-Chair) Present | Lab | South Carolina DHEC | susan.jackson@des.sc.gov |
| Amy DeMarco (2027*) Absent | Other | NY | amy.demarco@health.ny.gov |
| Craig Huff (2027*) Absent | Other | QASE Inc. | craig_huff@waters.com |
| Tim Miller (2024*) Present. | Other | Phenova | timm@phenova.com |
| Jennifer Best (2025*) Present | Other | USEPA | jennifer.best@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*) Absent | 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 |
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| 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 |
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| 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> |

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| 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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| | | | | | | | | 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. Approved by supermajority vote. Limits changed for 6 analytes from 40% to 30%. All others remained 40%. 7/24/24: Responses sent to commenters. William can send out notification. |
| 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. |

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| 477 | TNI leadership and Sigma to meet to manage a historical data base for Sigma. | | | 10/27/23 | | | | |
| 478 | Address 2 complaints regarding new Radiochemistry FoPT Limits (#48 and #49) | | Stacie Ilona | 11/29/23 | 11/29/23 | | 12/18/23 | 12/18/23: Response approved by PTPEC and Bob Shannon and Kieth McCroan. |
| 479 | Review DRAFT Volume 3 and 4 – Get from Bob Wyeth | | | 4/8/24 | 2/28/24 | | 3/1/24 | Volumes are getting ready to post for comment. Part of discussion in Ohio, but Committee did not meet in February. Stacie sent email to Committee to start review on 2/28/24. 3/1/24: Volume 3 and 4 comments from Nicole and Ilona sent to PT Expert Committee. |
| 480 | Request for DW Data for Limit Updates – Missing Data | | | 4/24/24 | 4/24/24 | | | 4/24/24: Data from 2 providers is missing. 7/24/24: Still need data from one more provider. Workgroup in Item 482 formed. |
| 481 | Technology Workgroup Updates – Analytical Discipline | | | 5/22/24 6/26/24 | 5/22/24 | | | 5/22: PTPEC can continue to use the term “technology”. “Analytical Discipline” will be used related to items dealing with QSM items - internal audits, matrix, etc. ... This will not affect PTPEC. 6/26: More detail shared. |

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| 482 | TNI PT Standards – Language Workgroup | | | 7/24/24 | | | | <p>A Workgroup was developed to prepare language to send to the PT Expert Committee: Michella, Tim Miller, Susan, Stacie, and Ilona. The Workgroup will meet in Garden Grove right after the PTPEC meeting. Discuss language to have PTPA request data from PT Provider instead of PTPEC.</p> |
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