

Summary
TNI Proficiency Testing Program Executive Committee Meeting
Tuesday, January 13; 10:30 AM – 12:00 PM ET

The Proficiency Testing Program Executive Committee (PTP EC) met during the Forum in a joint session with the Proficiency Testing Expert Committee (PTEC). Susan Jackson, PTP EC welcomed and thanked the attendees for their participation.

Members	Affiliation	
Susan Jackson (Chair)	South Carolina DES	Present
Amy DeMarco (Vice-Chair)	NY	Absent
Robert Wyeth (PA)	TNI	Present
Marina Aziz	NY	Absent
Nilda Cox	Eurofins	Absent
Jack Denby	HRSD	Absent
Rachel Ellis	New Jersey DEP	Present
Amanda Fehr	GEL	Present
Craig Huff	Retired	Absent
Michella Karapondo	USEPA	Absent
Tim Miller	Phenova	Present
Prasanth Ramakrishnan	IAS	Absent
Patrick Selig	ANAB	Absent
Lisa Stafford	Eurofins	Present

The PTP EC is responsible for establishing and maintaining TNI’s national PT program in support of a national environmental accreditation program through development and maintenance of Fields of Proficiency Testing tables (FoPT) establishing acceptance criteria appropriate for the scope of

environmental monitoring in the United States and ensuring the competence of Proficiency Test Providers (PTP) providing (PT) samples to laboratories.

During the PTP EC meeting, Chair Susan Jackson introduced the members of the executive committee and reviewed their activities and accomplishments during the past year. The goals of the PTP EC for 2026 were also presented.

The principal activities focused on issues and requirements for FoPT table review, updating, and/or correction. Major accomplishments were development of FoPT for PFAS compounds in drinking water and updating the Whole Effluent Toxicity (WET) FoPT tables. They also initiated their 10-year review of all FoPT tables. To date they have concluded that no changes will be proposed to the criteria presented in the FoPT tables for metals and inorganic parameters in drinking water. They are also continuing to work with the Radiochemistry Expert committee on any necessary changes to their FoPT tables and how to address the issue of reporting uncertainty in radiochemistry data.

The executive committee also reviewed and presented comments for consideration by the PTEC on Draft Standard EL V4, General Requirements for PTP Accreditors

It was further noted that positions are available on the PTP EC to fill existing vacancies. Associate memberships, which is open to any interested TNI members, are also welcome. The need for expertise in WET and Microbiology was a specific request for the executive committee. Application for a role on the PTP EC can be completed through the TNI website.