

Radiochemistry Expert Committee (REC) Meeting Summary

January 25, 2023

1. Roll Call and Minutes:

Terry Romanko, Chair, called the meeting to order at 1pm Eastern on January 25, 2023 by teleconference. Attendance is recorded in Attachment A – there were 8 voting members present. Associate members in attendance: Keith McCroan, Mark McNeal, Abby Africa, Bob Shannon, Joe Pardue and Carl Kircher (phone).

2. Membership

Three members have completed their terms – Stan, Amanda and Jim. Greg made a motion to approve a second term for Stan, Amanda and Jim. The motion was seconded by Mary Beth and was unanimously approved.

3. Updates

Standard

The Response to Comments document has been posted on the TNI website. The letter with the responses was sent to the one person who sent comments and they have 30 days to make any sort of appeal that the Committee will need to address. If there is no appeal the Committee is finished with the Standard.

4. Winter Meeting in San Antonio – Update

Chrystal and Ilona were in attendance at the meeting.

Comments:

- Good mentor sessions.
- Technical Expert – The Quality Management Systems Expert Committee is still working on this. It is looking like it is unlikely that an educational requirement will be removed.
- Corrective Action training was a good class that was offered.
- PTPEC – One of the PT Providers is looking at impact of the proposed changes to the DW Radiochemistry FoPT table before they can comment. Carl is not sure the NELAP AC has had it on their agenda. The PTPEC hopes to set an effective date at their next PTPEC meeting in February.

Iлона found an email that the NELAP AC members will be commenting directly and it won't be discussed on a NELAP AC agenda. Travis (OR) has already responded. Carl found the email from Travis and responded to him back in November 21, 2022. Travis thanked him for the response and it clarified things.

Carl asked if anyone commented on the table at the San Antonio meeting. Only one PT Provider said he was working on his comments.

5. New Business

None.

6. Action Items

A summary of action items can be found in Attachment B.

7. Next Meeting and Close

The next meeting will be February 22, 2023 at 1pm Eastern. (*Addition: The February meeting was canceled and the Committee met next on March 21, 2023.*)

A summary of action items and backburner/reminder items can be found in Attachment B and C.

Terry adjourned the meeting at 1:40pm Eastern.

**Attachment A
Participants
Radiochemistry Expert Committee**

Members	Affiliation		Contact InAffirmativemation
Terry Romanko Chair (2024) Present	TestAmerica Laboratories, Inc.	Lab	Terry.romanko@testamericainc.com
Sherry Faye (2025) Absent	Wadsworth Center, NY State DOH Albany, NY	Lab	sherry.faye@health.ny.gov
Velinda Herbert (2024) Present	National Analytical Environmental Laboratory	Lab	Herbert.velinda@epa.gov
Brian Miller (2024) Absent	ERA	Other	bmiller@eraqc.com
Stan Stevens (2026) Present	Perma-Fix Environmental Services	Other	stanws@aol.com
Amanda Fehr (2026) Present (phone)	GEL	Lab	amanda.fehr@gel.com
Jim Chambers (2026) Present	Fluor-BWXT Portsmouth LLC	Other	jim.chambers@ports.pppo.gov
Patrick Garrity (2026*) Absent	Kentucky	AB	patrick.garrity@ky.gov
Greg Raspanti (2025) Present	New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection	AB	Greg.Raspanti@dep.nj.gov
Chrystal Sheaff (2024*) Present	Energy Laboratories, Inc.	Lab	csheaff@energylab.com
Mary Beth Gustafson (2024*) Present	Virginia	AB	mary.gustafson@dgs.virginia.gov
Ilona Taunton (Program Administrator) Present	The NELAC Institute	n/a	Ilona.taunton@nelac-institute.org

Attachment B**Action Items – REC**

	Action Item	Who	Target Completion	Completed
90	Send note about method codes and concerns to the PT Expert Committee. Is there a way to limit the codes a lab can use to report PT data?	Bob	TBD	
116	Place comments into Comments Response Form/Table to prepare for final voting on comments. (SOP-2-100-Rev3.4-CSDP-StandardsDevelopment-ResponsetoCommentsForm)	Terry	9/20/22	
117	Send SIR 441 Response to LASEC.	Terry	10/25/22	X
118	Prepare SIR Review notification to the LASEC to confirm SIRs were reviewed in preparation for the Standard update.	Terry	TBD	

Attachment C – Back Burner / Reminders

	Item	Meeting Reference	Comments
5	Affirmativem subcommittee of experts in MS and other atom counting techniques to see that these techniques are adequately addressed in the radiochemistry module.	9/24/14	
6	From Action Item # 75: Prepare copy of Standard annotated with summary document language.		This is a project Carolyn was working on, but the committee decided it may duplicate the Small Lab Handbook. This project has been put on Hold.