

# Radiochemistry Expert Committee (REC) Meeting Summary

**October 25, 2023**

## 1. Roll Call and Minutes:

Terry Romanko, Chair, called the meeting to order at 1pm Eastern on August 23, 2023 by teleconference. Attendance is recorded in Attachment A – there were 10 voting members present. Associate members in attendance: Mark McNeal, Abby and Carl Kircher.

Meeting minutes were reviewed:

A motion was made by Jim Chambers to approve the December 28, 2022 minutes as written with a correction to the spelling of Mary Beth's name. The motion was seconded by Amanda and unanimously approved.

A motion was made by Jim Chambers to approve the January 25, 2023 minutes as written with a correction to the spelling of Mary Beth's name. The motion was seconded by Amanda and unanimously approved.

A motion was made by Mary Beth to approve the March 22, 2023 minutes as written with a correction to the spelling of Chrystal's name and addition of "the". The motion was seconded by Chrystal and unanimously approved.

A motion was made by Amanda to approve the April 26, 2023 minutes as written. The motion was seconded by Mary Beth and unanimously approved.

A motion was made by Velinda to approve the May 24, 2023 minutes as written. The motion was seconded by Mary Beth and unanimously approved.

A motion was made by Crystal to approve the June 28, 2023 minutes as written. The motion was seconded by Amanda and unanimously approved.

A motion was made by Jim to approve the July 26, 2023 minutes as written. The motion was seconded by Mary Beth and unanimously approved.

A motion was made by Amanda to approve the August 23, 2023 minutes as written with a correction to the spelling of Chrystal's name and the meeting ending time was added. The motion was seconded by Jim and unanimously approved.

## 2. Updates

Technology Workgroup

Jim has still not heard anything regarding the startup of this group.

### 3. QSM Draft Module 6 Tables

Terry asked if anyone submitted responses to the table. He has received responses. Removed annual requirements for most calibrations got added back in. Other tables were fixed.

QSM may not be requiring ICVs anymore.

Amanda and Velinda also got responses.

Ilona talked to Jordan Adelson He will be a new voting member on the QSM Expert Committee. He mentioned he would like to see more consistency in the QSM and the TNI Standard and looks forward to working with the Committee.

Jim said there is a lot of site specific information getting into the Radiochemistry section in QSM.

Ilona reminded the group about the action item to look at the final QSM and see if anything needs to be added. Leave on action table.

### 4. Membership

There are three more meetings before Committee membership will be updated.

Brian, Velinda and Terry will be rotating off the Committee after the winter meeting.

Mark McNeal and Abby are willing to become Voting members and a vote will be taken in November.

Patrick Garrity stepped down from the Committee, so puts the Committee at 9 voting members. Terry would like to see at least 10 members, so may be able to encourage someone from his lab to join. Everyone is encouraged to find more members.

The Chair position will be open, but someone has talked to him. He is encouraging anyone else to talk to him if they have interested and this will be further discussed in November.

### 5. Training Needs

Amanda is heading up the group that will be developing the training for the meeting in Columbus, OH. The group consists of Amanda, Abby, Marybeth, Crystal, and Terry.

The course description will be ready in mid to late November and will be sent to Jerry and Ilona.

If any special set up is needed in Columbus for the class, Ilona will be notified so Paul can discuss it with the hotel in his meeting late November.

6. New Business

None.

7. Action Items

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

8. Next Meeting and Close

The next meeting will be November 22, 2023 at 1pm Eastern. *(Addition: The November meeting was canceled. The next meeting will be December 27, 2023.)*

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

Terry adjourned the meeting at 1:52 pm Eastern.

**Attachment A  
Participants  
Radiochemistry Expert Committee**

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

**Attachment B****Action Items – REC**

	<b>Action Item</b>	<b>Who</b>	<b>Target Completion</b>	<b>Completed</b>
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	
119	Establish a list of questions for the Radiochemistry training.	All	Ongoing	
120	Terry Contact Lem Walker clean water MQOs. Joe Pardue will provide Terry with DoD limits.	Terry Joe Pardue	April 2022	
121	Discuss whether to look at the QSM and comments submitted to determine whether some additional changes should be made to the TNI final Standard.	All	TBD	
122	Prepare training description for brochure and online program.	Training Workgroup	11/15/23	
123	Prepare training for 2 hour time slot at Winter Meeting. Review with Committee for finalization.	Training Workgroup	1/12/24	
124	Determine whether in meeting trainings should be offered as Webcasts.	All	TBD	

### Attachment C – Back Burner / Reminders

	<b>Item</b>	<b>Meeting Reference</b>	<b>Comments</b>
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.