

**Whole Effluent Toxicity Testing Expert Committee Meeting  
January 18, 2023 1:00 pm Eastern**

**1. Welcome and Announcements**

Rami welcomed everyone to the teleconference. Attendance is recorded in Attachment 1, below. The agenda was approved by unanimous consent. Teresa moved that the September 21, October 19, November 19 and December 21 minutes be approved, and Stephen seconded; approval was unanimous.

**2. Election**

An email election was conducted to approve the following items:

- Approve Beth Biller as a new member
- Re-elect Teresa as Affiliate Member
- Re-elect Committee Leadership (Rami as Chair and Stephen as Vice Chair)

An email requesting any additional nominations for Chair and Vice Chair was sent on December 27, and when no additional nominations were received, a request for a motion and second to initiate voting was sent on January 5. In response, Chandra moved and Caitie seconded that all three items be approved. The final vote was received on January 13, with nine votes in favor of all items except that Stephen abstained from voting for the Vice Chair position (so 8 votes in favor for Vice Chair). All items were thus approved. Welcome, Beth!

**3. Update on FoPT Subcommittee of PTPEC**

Craig Huff, a PT provider, is now the Chair of this subcommittee. Rami reported that he is trying to bring the subcommittee members (other than the WET committee folks) “up to speed” on the WET committee’s history and prior activities seeking to achieve comparable results from WET PT testing.

Since this January 18 meeting and independently of the WET Expert Committee, PTPEC prepared and sought TNI Advocacy Committee approval of comments to be submitted in response to an EPA Federal Register notice inviting input on the Agency’s application to renew its Information Collection Request that authorizes the DMR-QA program. The WET FoPT Subcommittee was able to draft and get included (and approved) an explanation and justification for WET’s proposed revisions to PT and the DMR-QA activity. The comment submitted will be distributed with these minutes. (Ed. Note: the FR Notice was distributed immediately after the meeting to committee members.)

**4. Revision of V1M7**

Definitions

More definitions are being prepared. Ginger located a historical glossary of WET terminology that was distributed along with the FR Notice immediately after the meeting.

Affirm edits to §6.3

Additional discussion of the IDOC led to improved clarity of language, especially for staff not performing the full test but only specific portions (or tasks), and a request to consider eliminating the identification of components of the major tasks listed in the note, for fear that those would be turned into an assessor checklist rather than remaining as merely

examples. However, labs will need to create their own lists of these components. Another option would be to delete the note itemizing tasks.

For the CDOC section, there was some discussion about why acute tests are named as substitutes (trout and sheepshead minnows, especially). More edits were made for clarification.

Also, after the meeting, Ginger sent some proposed wording for the DOC sections – this is included as a comment but not yet incorporated into the text, as not all committee members have seen it yet.

#### Revision to Essential QC in Technical Requirements

Time expired after the discussion of DOC requirements. Discussion will return to the partially revised outline for the February meeting.

#### **5. New Business**

Rami asked that everyone give a thorough review to §6.3.1 and §6.3.2, before the February meeting.

Caitie moved and Teresa seconded that the meeting be adjourned; approval was unanimous.

#### **6. Next Meeting**

The next teleconference meeting is rescheduled for **Wednesday, February 15, 2023, at 1 pm Eastern**. We will continue using Microsoft Teams for screen-sharing, and the link with alternate telephone option will be shared along with the agenda and any needed documents, when those are sent with the meeting reminder.

**Attachment 1**

**WET Expert Committee Membership**

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## **Attachment 2 – Agenda**

- Welcome and Roll Call
- Approval of Agenda
- Approval of Minutes (September, October, November and December minutes attached)
- Election Results
- Update on WET FoPT Subcommittee (if anything)
- V1M7 Revision
  - Definitions (Teresa to provide additional definitions)
  - Affirm Edits to Section 6.3 (see draft module, attached)
  - Resume Discussion to Revise Essential QC Portion of Section 7.0 Technical Requirements (see annotated outline, attached)
- New Business, if any
- Adjourn