

**Whole Effluent Toxicity Testing Expert Committee Meeting  
April 19, 2023 1:00 pm Eastern**

**1. Welcome and Announcements**

Rami welcomed everyone to the teleconference. Attendance is recorded in Attachment 1, below; Rami invited the new associate members, Jessica and Cody, to introduce themselves. The agenda was approved by unanimous consent. Stephen moved and Teresa seconded that the minutes of the February 15 meeting be approved and the vote was unanimously in favor. With some question raised about whether the March 15 minutes would or could be approved, since that meeting did not have a quorum, they were approved by unanimous consent since a brief discussion did take place.

**2. Updates**

Membership Status – the committee still needs at least one and preferably more new members of either the AB or “other” stakeholder category. Only eight members remain, due to the departure of several members of these two categories. Elizabeth will likely re-apply as an “other” stakeholder after her retirement at the end of May, which will allow Ila’s resignation request to be accepted, but at least one more AB or “other” stakeholder is needed. Several possible groups interested in WET testing were mentioned and members will reach out to those groups with an invitation to consider joining.

PTPEC WET FoPT Subcommittee – this group did not meet in April, but a request for PT data has been sent to the TNI webmaster.

**3. SETAC Meeting Accreditation Session**

Rami was contacted about submitting an abstract for this session, and asked for more information about the session’s purpose. The title is “Demystifying the Method Standardization and Accreditation Process”, and organizers are seeking a discussion of TNI’s framework for toxicity accreditation; the session will likely be short presentations with a Q&A afterwards. Katie agreed to submit an abstract, working with Rami, Stephen and Teresa. Lynn will provide some draft slides about TNI’s general information and the NELAP accreditation scheme (sent on April 20).

**4. Revising the Module**

Edits since the March meeting – Caitie had provided to Rami some edits to the DOC revisions made at the February meeting, and these suggestions were discussed with minor revisions to the text of §6.3, pertaining to rarely used methods (distributed with these minutes).

Additionally, an additional disclaimer was added to the Note in §6.3, in an effort to make it abundantly clear that the list of tasks should not be used as a checklist, since not all methods even include all tasks.

Definitions – Teresa will revisit the definitions, and create two lists. One list will be of terms used in the draft Standard (for inclusion) and the other will be a more comprehensive list of definitions used in WET testing and WET methods, to be reviewed and posted to the WET Committee’s webpage for general use.

At this point, time was expired. Review and revision of §7.1 will begin at the May meeting.

## **5. New Business**

There was no new business. Rami asked that anyone having further comments on §6, please submit them by email to the group; if no further comments are received, this section will be considered complete and will not be discussed again, so that the group can begin working on §7.

## **6. Next Meeting**

The next teleconference meeting is rescheduled for **Wednesday, May 17, 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 (February and March minutes attached)
- Updates
  - Membership status
  - PTPEC WET FoPT Subcommittee
- Brief Discussion of Accreditation Session at SETAC Meeting (Louisville, KY, November 12-16)
- Resume Revision of V1M7 (see attached working draft of module)
  - Affirm changes to §6.3
  - Review §3, Definitions (added into the module from Teresa's list)
  - Begin Rewrite of §7.1, Essential QC Requirements (time permitting – §7.1.6 already completed)
- New Business, if any
- Adjourn