

**Whole Effluent Toxicity Testing Expert Committee Meeting
May 18, 2022 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 acclamation, and is included as Attachment 2. The minutes of April 20 were then approved by unanimous vote after a motion by Chandra seconded by David.

2. Update on PT Interactions

PTPEC has a new Chair, Fred Anderson of Advanced Analytical Solutions. Shawn Kassner stepped down due to other responsibilities but has declared that he will remain involved with the committee. Rami will reach out to Fred when he shares the table of standardized test conditions.

3. Continue Review and Discussion of Updates to 2015 WET Table

Participants briefly discussed whether to retain the column of recommended chamber sizes and agreed that it should remain as a recommendation. Those sizes are as recommended but not mandated in the method manuals. Stephen moved to approve the table with changes as finalized at the April 20 meeting, and Chandra seconded the motion. The vote to approve was unanimous. Rami will clean up the highlighting and forward the table to Fred (see above) with copies to Shawn and Ilona, and also Kirstin Daigle, Chair of PT Expert Committee, along with the PA for PTEC, plus Stephen and Lynn.

4. Review and Discuss Edit to §4 for Modified Methods

This discussion was postponed until the June meeting so that Pete can be present.

5. Discuss Further Revision of §6

Rami recapped the history of this section for the new members who might have missed the two-plus years of discussion and negotiation over the requirements for the analyst initial demonstration of capability (DOC), and that specific training in the various tasks (and documentation of that training) will be separate from the actual analyst DOC itself, with analysts not necessarily required to perform every step of a method but only the ones for which they were trained and qualified (as planned by the laboratory).

A question arose about whether the TNI credentialing initiative now in development will affect the DOCs. Lynn staffs that effort, and explained that the credentialing is intended for higher level activities such as technical expert, quality manager or laboratory assessor, and potentially other roles yet to be examined. For instance, a QM credential could be earned by taking one long test covering all aspects of that role, or by earning a series of digital badges through training courses with testing that represent particular aspects of a QM's role, such as PT Specialist, Customer Service Specialist, Corrective Action Specialist, Method Validation Specialist, etc.

The committee's goal now is to distinguish clearly the different processes and requirements for a laboratory DOC (initial and ongoing) from the analyst DOC (initial and ongoing as needed). In the absence of a volunteer to draft a strawman for this section, the committee will work through the existing text (from the 2009/2016 V1M7), editing as we go.

§6.1 (General) – edited to address the longer timeframes of sediment testing.

§6.2 (Lab DOCs) – again, edited to include sediment testing, and to specify that the lab must meet the DOC requirements of each method prior to use.

§6.2.1 (Initial Lab DOCs) – some material deleted as not needed.

§6.2.2 (Ongoing Lab DOCs) – discussion of definition of “calendar year” to be continued – is this 12 months, or January-to-December, and could it be January 2020 then December 2021?

Rami asked that participants ponder how best to define the time interval for ongoing DOCs, more specifically than “calendar year” and also to review the DOC requirements of the Quality System module, V1M2.

At this point, time was expired. The discussion will resume at §6.2.2 for the June meeting.

6. **New Business**

There was no new business. David moved and Chandra seconded that the meeting be adjourned.

7. **Next Meeting**

The next teleconference meeting will be **Wednesday, June 15, at 1 pm Eastern**. All members will receive a WebEx invitation for screen sharing – expect that to arrive on the morning of the meeting date, as an email from Ilona Taunton. The agenda and any needed documents will be sent in advance.

Attachment 1

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Attachment 2 – Agenda

- Welcome and Roll Call
- Approval of Agenda
- Approval of Minutes (April minutes, attached)
- Update on PTPEC
- Affirm Final Version of WET Table for Standard PT Conditions
- Review and Discuss Edit to §4 for Modified Methods (*if Pete can join us*)
- Discuss Further Revision of §6 (for everything except analyst initial DOC)
- New Business, if any
- Adjourn