

Whole Effluent Toxicity Testing Expert Committee Meeting
March 19, 2025 1:00 pm Eastern

1. Welcome and Announcements

While awaiting Teresa, Stephen opened the meeting. Attendance is recorded in Attachment 1, below. The agenda was approved by unanimous consent. The minutes of February 19 were approved unanimously after a motion by Christina, seconded by Elizabeth, with Stephen abstaining due to his absence. Teresa arrived and signed into Teams, and took over moderating the meeting.

2. Update on PTPEC WET FoPT Subcommittee

Teresa attended the PTPEC Session at conference in Jacksonville, and announced that additional members from our WET committee are sought for the WET Field of Proficiency Testing Subcommittee. Teresa will participate, and Elizabeth, Chandra, and Christina Henderson will join in as well. Ginger and Rami had earlier agreed to participate, when the new subcommittee was initially formed last year.

Teresa would like Craig Huff, the Subcommittee Chair, to meet with the full WET committee to discuss the process planned for updating the FoPT tables, or if that timing doesn't work, then the WET volunteers will meet with him – this will depend on Craig's availability.

3. Update on Draft Standard

The Draft Standard was published on February 26. As of the committee meeting date, no comments have been received. Lynn noted that the NELAP states have compiled a list of their state-specific requirements for Technical Manager, and provided that to the committees preparing other modules of Volume 1. QMS Expert Committee is presently determining which definitions belong in which module; Teresa will take a "first cut" at that, then bring it to the full committee for review.

There is also the issue of a timeframe for the reference toxicant tests (20 of them) that Teresa identified during the conference session.

4. Additions to the Definitions

Teresa has found the references that need to be added to the definitions file discussed in February and expects to have the revised definitions list ready by the April meeting.

5. Updating the White Paper

Teresa wants the committee to update our infamous WET White Paper from 2015. The original document was distributed with the meeting reminder, and will be re-distributed with these minutes. All committee members are asked to review it and provide your comments before the April meeting – please send those to Teresa, Stephen and Lynn (and others as you wish). The DMRQA instructions have changed somewhat, but the requirement to submit three different endpoints (and if one fails, all fail) continues to be an issue. Elizabeth offered to help with the actual revision, once comments are received and discussed.

Lynn explained that TNI also has a few Position Statements, and that this white paper is a good candidate to become one. The current PT Position Statement (POS-1205) is being distributed with these minutes, along with the Position Statement SOP 1-118.

Teresa will also distribute her PT presentation from the November 2024 SETAC meeting in Louisville, for consideration, for the next meeting.

6. New Business

There was no new business and the meeting was adjourned by unanimous consent.

7. Next Meeting

The next teleconference meeting will be on **Wednesday, April 16, 2025, at 1 pm Eastern**. A Microsoft Teams link for screen-sharing or just a telephone option will be provided with the agenda and any needed documents, in advance of the meeting.

Attachment 1 WET Expert Committee Membership

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Attachment 2 – Agenda, March 19, 2025

- Welcome and Roll Call
- Approval of Agenda
- Approval of Minutes (February minutes attached)
- Update on PTPEC WET FoPT Subcommittee (if available)
- Update on Draft Standard (published for comment February 26)
- Additions to the Definitions (if available, version from February meeting is attached)
- Updating the White Paper (it's now 10 years old! original version attached as pdf and Word, plus talking points pdf [Primary Purpose...])
 - Presentation from 2024 SETAC Meeting about PT (Teresa to provide)
- New Business, if any
- Adjourn