

Whole Effluent Toxicity Committee Meeting

Wednesday October 29, 2025 – 1PM Eastern

Minutes

1 - Welcome and Roll Call

Teresa called the meeting to order at 1302 Eastern. Attendees are found in Attachment 1. 10 Voting Members and 5 Associate Members were present. Paul Junio was present as the PA.

2 - Approval of Agenda

The Agenda was approved as presented by consent. A copy of the agenda is included with these meeting minutes.

3 – Next Meeting Date

Due to SETAC, a meeting date of November 19 as would be normal isn't possible. Paul would have a conflict if the meeting were moved ahead by a week at the regular time of 1PM Eastern, but if the meeting could be held from 2:30-4PM Eastern, that would work. There was general agreement that the meeting be held November 12 from 2:30-4PM Eastern.

3 - Approval of Minutes from July 16 meeting

Following a review of the July 16 meeting minutes, a motion to approve was made by Stephen Clark with a second by Darrin Greenstein. Abstaining were Beth Biller, Christina Henderson and Gretchen Welfinger. The remaining committee members voted in favor, and the minutes were approved. There was no formal meeting held on August 20 due to a lack of quorum, but the minutes from the discussion that was held were prepared and presented for approval. A motion to approve was made by Darrin Greenstein and seconded by Chandra. The following Abstained: Stephen Clark, Beth Biller, Gretchen Welfinger, Christina Henderson, and Lyndsay Thomas. The remaining committee members voted to approve.

4 - Discussion on V1M7 Draft Standard Comments

Teresa suggested that all perform an independent review of Paul Junio's definition comments, apart from meeting time. Paul will finish his definition review and send to all committee members.

The Committee was at line 60 on the Response to Comments document, what should we do next? Stephen stated that methods use 'shall' at times, but not others. The Committee thinks that some of these items ought to be more broadly applied and should be required. There are also some items purposefully written as flexible. Any use of 'is' should be reviewed to see what we mean. Teresa agreed, adding that EPA often wrote prescriptively as 'do this'. Comments on individual sections as follows:

7.1 – The committee feels that this is important and that the 2nd paragraph indicates what to look for in an assessment.

7.2 – Use similar language that was inserted into 7.3.1. 'as defined' covers that something is overseen and co-signed, 2 paragraphs moved to 7.2.1, and sentence on Initial Analyst DOC moved to the appropriate section. 'Significant' is defined in the laboratory quality system.

At this point, the Committee decided to focus its work on individual review, focusing on Section 8. Comments are to be sent to the committee members for review prior to the next meeting (by 11/10).

5 - New Business, if any

None

6 - Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 1315 Eastern. The next WET Expert Committee Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, November 12 at 2:30PM Eastern.

Attachment 1 WET Expert Committee Membership

Member	Organization	Email	Stakeholder	Term Expires	Present?
Beth Biller	VA DCLS	Beth.biller@dgs.virginia.gov	AB	Jan. 2026 (1)	Yes
Thekkekalathil "Chandra" Chandrasekhar	FL DEP	Thekkekalathil.Chandrasekhar@ dep.state.fl.us	Lab	Jan. 2027 (2)	Yes
Stephen Clark (Vice Chair)	Pacific EcoRisk	slclark@pacificecorisk.com	Lab	Jan. 2027 (2)	Yes
Darrin Greenstein	Southern CA Coastal Water Research Proj.	Darring@sccwrp.org	Other	Jan. 2026 (1)	Yes
Christina Henderson	Eurofins Environment Testing Ecotoxicology	Christina.Henderson@et.eurofinsus.com	Lab	Jan. 2026 (1)	Yes
Teresa Norberg- King (Chair)	USEPA (retired)	Norbe010@d.umn.edu	Other	Jan. 2027	Yes
Katie Payne	Enthalpy Analytical	katie.payne@enthalpy.com	Lab	Jan. 2027 (1)	Yes
Lyndsay Thomas	Coastal Bioanalysts, Inc.	lyndsay@coastalbio.com	Lab	Jan. 2026 (1)	Yes
Caitie Van Sciver	NJ DEP	Caitie.VanSciver@dep.nj.gov	AB	Jan. 2027 (2)	Yes
Gretchen Welfinger	NY ELAP	gretchen.welfinger@health.ny.gov	AB	Jan. 2027 (1)	Yes
Elizabeth West	Retired	eawest1111@gmail.com	Other	Jan. 2027 (1)	No

Program Administrator: Paul Junio, paul.junio@nelac-institute.org

Associate Members present were Ginger Briggs, Rebekah Pauly, Christina Pottios, Justin Seikel, and Cavan Smith.

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