

Whole Effluent Toxicity Committee Meeting

Wednesday November 12, 2025 – 2:30PM Eastern

Minutes

1 - Welcome and Roll Call

In the planned absence of Teresa at the beginning of the meeting, Stephen Clark called the meeting to order at 1434 Eastern. Attendees are found in Attachment 1. 9 Voting Members and 3 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 - Approval of Minutes from October 29 meeting

Following a review of the October 29 meeting minutes, a motion to approve was made by Christina Henderson with a second by Darrin Greenstein. Abstaining Stephen Clark. The remaining committee members voted in favor, and the minutes were approved.

4 - Discussion on V1M7 Draft Standard Comments

The Committee began its review of the Response to Comment document at Line 80 (found here as Comment 49). The summary is as follows:

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| 49 | p | | 8.1 | This monitoring must be planned and reviewed'- how? When/how often? | committee agrees, but notes that it is up to the laboratory to specify |
| 29 | | Y | 8.1 a) | Change QCs to QC | QCs to QC |
| 50 | np | | 8.1 b | This monitoring must be planned and reviewed'- how? When/how often? | covered by the change made in 8.1 (as described in the laboratory quality system) |

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| 51 | np | | 8.1 c | This monitoring must be planned and reviewed'- how? When/how often? | covered by the change made in 8.1 (as described in the laboratory quality system) |
| 52 | p | | 8.1.1 a | Positive control is already defined in the definitions. No need to include more than just 'Positive Control' in that paragraph | delete wording after Positive Control (spell out SRT due to its deletion) |
| 53 | np | | 8.1.1 a | This section includes too much information that is not vital to the Standard and it's intent, especially vi and vii. | Left as written - becomes a requirement for any methods; fits with checklist requirements |
| 19 | p | | 8.1.1.a) iii, 3 rd paragraph | This phrase is unclear: "...unless the supplier can provide control chart data for the last twenty SRT tests but at least the last five monthly SRT tests..." | change 'but' to 'including' |
| 30 | | y | 8.1.1.a) vii | Correct "... a de facto". | re-word for clarity |

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| 20 | p | | 8.1.1.a) viii | It's unclear if this is a list of "good ideas to consider" when accepting acceptance / rejection policies or if it's a list that ABs are to audit laboratories to. Not sure how to audit to this list? Would like some guidance from the committee about its intention here and the standard should be clarified accordingly. ALSO RECOMMEND making this a list, not embedding all of these items in a paragraph. Easily missed. Draw attention to this important list if it is indeed an area for auditing by making a visual list with appropriate numbering. It seems overly prescriptive if it's a list to audit to. Maybe it belongs in a guidance document. | made list bulleted; formatting persuasive but not content change |
| 54 | np | | 8.1.1 b | Negative control: How can b.i be enforced? No language here that is enforceable. Remove b.ii and b.iv. These can be in a guidance document | separated i into i and ii; further clarification in the list |
| 31 | | y | 8.1.1.b) iii | Correct "maybe" to "may be" | |
| 55 | np | | 8.1.2 | It says that each test must be reviewed for all these areas but doesn't specify how. This entire paragraph should be removed/re-worded | none |
| 21 | p | | 8.1.2 a) | It's unclear if this is a list of "good ideas to consider" when planning the review process or training someone on how to review, or if it's a list of things that ABs are to audit the review documentation against. Would like some guidance from the committee about its intention here and the standard should be clarified accordingly. Seems overly prescriptive as a list of things to audit to. If it's to be audited to, this list should be formatted as a list, not embedded in a paragraph. | re-formatted for clarity and requirement |

5 - New Business, if any

None

6 - Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 1600 Eastern. The next WET Expert Committee Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, December 17 at 1:00 PM Eastern. The Committee will begin its review at Section 8.1.4 a) (Line 93).

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) | No |
| 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) | No |
| 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) | Yes |

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

Associate Members present were Ginger Briggs, Rebekah Pauly, and Cavan Smith.

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