

# Whole Effluent Toxicity Committee Meeting

Wednesday, January 21, 2026 – 1:00 PM Eastern

## Minutes

### 1 - Welcome and Roll Call

Teresa called the meeting to order at 1308 Eastern. Attendees are found in Attachment 1. 9 Voting Members and 7 Associate Members were present. Paul Junio was present as the PA.

### 2 - Approval of Agenda

The Agenda was approved as presented by consent, with the addition of discussing membership added to the end of the meeting. A copy of the agenda is included with these meeting minutes.

### 3 - Approval of Minutes from December 17 meeting

Following a review of the December 17 meeting minutes, a motion to approve was made by Caitie with a second by Gretchen. Abstaining were Christina Henderson, Stephen Clark, and Katie Payne. The remaining committee members voted in favor, and the minutes were approved.

### 4 - Discussion of Comments at Forum on Environmental Accreditation presentation

The summary is as follows (slides 32-37 were discussed and no changes were necessary):

Slide	Section	Comment
30	7.2	Suggest that the 5 SRTs must be performed within the last 18 months, similar to the application period limiting data to that timeframe. <i>Comment rejected – too stringent, follow the requirement as written</i>
31	7.2.1	A suggestion was made to delete the highlighted (added) text, as that requirement is redundant. There may be better language in use by another Expert Committee regarding DOCs. <i>Committee moved the comment to the start of the section for clarity, and added 'existing' to the second portion of the requirement.</i>
38	8.1.1 a)	Is it the last 20 data points that are needed, or the last 5? Clarify. Suggest also clarifying by separating the 'outside sources' into another section or paragraph. <i>See revised language in Draft Module 7</i>

39	8.1.1 a)	The use of 'just outside' begs the question of how outside that is.
40	8.1.1 a)	Related to the previous slide, this part of 8.1.1 a) declare what 'well outside' means. Does the committee mean that just outside is then within 3 standard deviations?
41	8.1.1 b)	Does 'each test' mean each batch? Within the attendees, there were differing interpretations of whether a test or a batch were appropriate, and what each of them meant. A suggestion was made of a negative control per client sample (which was not met with consensus approval). There seemed agreement that 'test' was more correct than 'batch'.
43	8.1.4	[NOTE – this slide was errantly labeled 8.1.1] Is it necessary to verify this or is batch QC sufficient? This seems redundant. Suggest deleting' the second sentence of 8.1.4 a). If not deleted, clarify the discussion on hygroscopic chemicals in the webinar (such as by noting that such chemicals should be free flowing and without clumps).
47	8.1.5 g)	A new section should begin with the sentence 'Dissolved oxygen and pH in aquatic tests...' to aid in clarity.
49	8.1.5 j)	Must the water be 18 megaohm? The section only requires it to be 'available'. Suggest stating reagent grade water, however named, must meet method requirements. Suggest that as a global change.
51	8.1.5 k)	Suggest making the requirements clearly a summation if that is the committee's intent. This is most appropriate for the PCBs and Organochlorine Pesticides; the metals should be individual analyses.
50	8.1.5 k)	Suggest adding 'quality of the reagent water used to make' prior to 'standard dilution water'.
38	8.1.1 a)	Suggest changing 'may not be older' to 'must not be older'.
	Global	SRT seems to be used interchangeably between Standard Reference Test and Standard Reference Toxicant. The Committee should consistently use one.

These comments will be presented to the Committee at its next meeting on Wednesday, January 21, 2026.

#### 5 - Membership

Calista Daigle has applied as a laboratory stakeholder to the Committee. Stephen suggested that Paul survey the Associate members for any additional interest, and that membership be decided upon at the next meeting. This request was subsequently made and applications closed on February 11.

#### 6 - Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 1430 Eastern.

**Attachment 1 WET Expert Committee Membership**

<b>Member</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Email</b>	<b>Stakeholder</b>	<b>Term Expires</b>	<b>Present?</b>
Beth Biller	VA DCLS	Beth.biller@dgs.virginia.gov	AB	2029 (2)	Yes
Thekkekalathil "Chandra" Chandrasekhar	FL DEP	Thekkekalathil.Chandrasekhar@ dep.state.fl.us	Lab	2027 (2)	Yes
Stephen Clark (Vice Chair)	Pacific EcoRisk	slclark@pacificecorisk.com	Lab	2027 (2)	Yes
Darrin Greenstein	Southern CA Coastal Water Research Proj. (retired)	darrinjg@verizon.net	Other	2029 (2)	Yes
Christina Henderson	Eurofins Environment Testing Ecotoxicology	Christina.Henderson@et.eurofinsus.com	Lab	2027 (1)	Yes
Teresa Norberg- King (Chair)	USEPA (retired)	Norbe010@alumni.umn.edu	Other	2027 (1)	Yes
Katie Payne	Nautilus Environmental	katie.payne@nautilusenvironmental.com	Lab	2027 (2)	Yes
Lyndsay Thomas	Coastal Bioanalysts, Inc.	lyndsay@coastalbio.com	Lab	2027 (1)	No
Caitie Van Sciver	NJ DEP	Caitie.VanSciver@dep.nj.gov	AB	2027 (2)	Yes
Gretchen Welfinger	NY ELAP	gretchen.welfinger@health.ny.gov	AB	2027 (1)	Yes
Elizabeth West	Retired	eawest1111@gmail.com	Other	2027 (1)	No

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Associate Members present were Ginger Briggs, Sarah Brown, Skyler McDowell, Amy Hackman, Rebekah Pauly, Justin Seikel, and Cavan Smith.

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- Discussion on V1M7 Draft Standard Comments
- New Business, if any

- Adjourn