

Whole Effluent Toxicity Committee Meeting

Wednesday, February 18, 2026 – 1:00 PM Eastern

Minutes

1 - Welcome and Roll Call

Teresa called the meeting to order at 1314 Eastern. Attendees are found in Attachment 1. 7 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.

3 - Approval of Minutes from January 12 and 21 meetings

Following a review of the January 12 meeting minutes, Gretchen made a motion to add them to the Committee minutes (even though the Boston meeting wasn't an official Committee meeting), with Stephen seconding. All committee members voted in favor, and the minutes were approved. A motion to approve the January 21 meeting minutes was made by Christina and seconded by Darrin. All 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 (beginning at Slide 41):

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) the committee should clarify 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? Among the attendees, there were differing interpretations of whether a test or a batch was appropriate and what each meant. A suggestion was made to include a negative control per client sample (which was not met with consensus). There seemed to be agreement that 'test' was more correct than 'batch'. 2/18/26 - The committee decided to change 'test' to '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 of hygroscopic chemicals in the webinar (such as by noting that such chemicals should be free-flowing and free of clumps). 2/18/26 – Committee created a new 8.1.4 a that dealt with the quality of water
47	8.1.5 g)	A new section should begin with the sentence 'Dissolved oxygen and pH in aquatic tests...' to aid in clarity. 2/18/26 – Committee decided NOT to make a separate paragraph, but added clarity by specifying that the acceptable range must be as specified in the method or laboratory procedure.
49	8.1.5 j)	Must the water be 18 megaohms? 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. 2/16/26 - The committee moved this to the new 8.1.4 a, where it fit better. The committee also rearranged 8.1.4a–c for clarity.
51	8.1.5 k)	Suggest making the requirements clearly a summation if that is the committee's intent. This is most appropriate for PCBs and Organochlorine Pesticides; the metals should be analyzed individually.
50	8.1.5 k)	Suggest adding 'quality of the reagent water used to make' before '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.

5 - Membership

The Committee held a closed session to discuss the two potential candidates. Voting will be due by February 25. *[EDITOR'S NOTE – Carlita Barton was elected as a Voting Member.]*

6 - Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 1432 Eastern.

Attachment 1 WET Expert Committee Membership

Member	Organization	Email	Stakeholder	Term Expires	Present?
Beth Biller	VA DCLS	Beth.biller@dgs.virginia.gov	AB	2029 (2)	No
Thekkekalathil "Chandra" Chandrasekhar	FL DEP	Thekkekalathil.Chandrasekhar@ dep.state.fl.us	Lab	2027 (2)	No
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)	No
Gretchen Welfinger	NY ELAP	gretchen.welfinger@health.ny.gov	AB	2027 (1)	Yes
Elizabeth West	Retired	eawest1111@gmail.com	Other	2027 (1)	Yes

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Associate Members present were:

Carlita Barton, Sarah Brown, Calista Daigle, Jessica Redifer, Mary Ann Rempel-Hester, and Justin Seikel.