

Whole Effluent Toxicity Committee Meeting

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

Minutes

1 - Welcome and Roll Call

Teresa called the meeting to order at 1304 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.

3 - Approval of Minutes from February 18 meeting

Following a review of the February 18 meeting minutes, Katie made a motion to approve minutes, with Stephen seconding. All committee members voted in favor, with an abstention from Beth. The minutes will be forwarded for posting. Paul noted that a TNI decision was made to forward all meeting minutes for posting following the Board of Directors' meeting each month for ease of posting.

4 - Discussion of Comments

The discussion began with wording that Teresa provided for section 8.1.4. Following discussion and suggestions, the following was approved:

8.1.4 Selection and Use of Water, Reagents, and Standards

- a) Reagent-grade water (resistivity of 18 megaOhm-cm at 25 C) must be used in the preparation of reagents and standards. Unless stated otherwise in the reference method, only reagent-grade water collected from distillation, deionization, or Type I/II systems can be used to prepare reagent solutions, and for each use, the water must meet the resistivity requirement.
- b) Reagents and reference materials used in toxicity tests must be reagent-grade or better. Chemicals used for lab control/dilution waters must be documented (e.g. by lot, such that they can be traceable if concerns of water absorption are identified).
- c) The preparation of SRTs, waters, and standards utilized in chemical support measurements shall be documented.

Line 103 – Persuasive, although the committee only added laboratory to documentation in the last sentence. This wording is essentially straight out of the EPA Manual.

Line 104 – Persuasive; the section addresses all methods, not just the EPA Methods Manual. If a method doesn't address it, it doesn't apply. Clarity was added regarding disposable plasticware.

Line 105 – Non-persuasive. The committee feels this is clear.

Line 106 – Non-persuasive. Requirements found in the method are not reproduced in the Standard.

Line 107 – Non-persuasive. This concern regarding the CFR exists whether stated or not. The committee MIGHT add something along this line earlier in the Module.

Line 108 - Non-persuasive. The committee feels this is clear.

Line 109-111 – Persuasive. Change made to improve clarity.

Line 112 – Non-persuasive. The Committee felt this wording is clearer in that the laboratory doesn't have the authority to determine whether data are usable or not, so it must report the data and leave the decision to someone else.

Line 113 – Non-persuasive. The Committee feels this wording is clear and addresses the general requirements. Due to the variety of state variations, it is impossible to account for all of them here.

Having reached the end of the submitted comments, Teresa asked if there were more items to be reviewed at the beginning of the list. Paul mentioned that the list found in Table following Section 7.3.1 had an X that was formatted with a strikethrough. After review, the committee determined that the strikethrough should be removed. Darrin asked if Paul's submitted comments on many definitions had been resolved. Paul will review them, and is of the belief that many of the comments would be withdrawn as he understands the idea behind having terms defined even if not explicitly used in the Module. Teresa has made some formatting updates to the Standard that she will share with Paul. Paul will send out the revised Response to Comments file and the Draft Module 7 to all members for review.

5 – April Meeting date

Due to a speaking engagement, Paul is unable to attend the scheduled April 15 meeting. The committee determined that April 29 at 1PM Eastern was a good replacement. Paul will revise the meeting invite for that date/time.

6 - Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 1426 Eastern.

Attachment 1 WET Expert Committee Membership

Member	Organization	Email	Stakeholder	Term Expires	Present?
Carlita Barton	LA County Sanitation Districts	cbarton@lacsds.org	Lab	2029 (1)	No
Beth Biller	VA DCLS	Beth.biller@dgs.virginia.gov	AB	2029 (2)	Yes
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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

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

Associate Members present were:

Nora Lough, Kathleen Mitchell, Mary Ann Rempel-Hester, and Cavan Smith.