

Whole Effluent Toxicity Committee Meeting

Wednesday, May 20, 2026 – 1:00 PM Eastern

Minutes

1 - Welcome and Roll Call

Teresa called the meeting to order at 1305 Eastern. Attendees are found in Attachment 1. 9 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.

3 - Approval of Minutes from April 29 meeting

Following a review of the April 29 meeting minutes, Chandra made a motion to approve minutes, with Darrin seconding. All committee members voted in favor, with an abstention from Katie. The minutes will be forwarded for posting.

4 – New Member – Matt Jones from KDHE introduced himself and gave some background. Matt recently applied to become a member of the Committee. *[EDITOR'S NOTE: Effective 5/26/26, Matt was added as a Voting Member to the Committee.]*

5 - Discussion of Comments on Draft V1M7

Comment 106 - Test Method. Test or Test Method are pretty interchangeable according to Teresa. The Committee agreed, but suggested that a given laboratory may use one term over the other. Chandra commented that it is a test based on a method (from an approved source). Related to Standard Reference Toxicity/Toxicants, Chandra suggested removing 'Toxicity' since that is the focus of this module. Each Committee member is to review the Module to determine if test or test method is used appropriately in the Module.

Comment 109 – persuasive – Elizabeth expressed concern that it's important to know if a sample is toxic or not. Carlita made the suggestions for another accredited laboratory, because not all samples are non-toxic even if they test that way. The Committee agreed with this change, and changed the language from "an outside (referee) laboratory" to "another accredited laboratory".

Comment 84 – persuasive – The beginning of the definition is actually 'Dilution Series' and has been split off into that definition. Teresa will create a definition for 'Dilution Factor' that leads in to the statement about typical dilutions.

Comments 28 & 34 – these comments reference Method validation. Paul will share the section on Method Validation from Module 2 (as well as Modules 4 & 5) with the committee to help determine a path forward. It is up to Committee members to review this in advance of the next meeting.

Comment 35 – this comment addresses the use of must as opposed to is. Paul will make that review prior to sending a revised Draft Module 7 to the Committee.

Having reached the end of the allotted time, the committee will resume its review at Test Method'. Teresa will look for clarity on Standard Reference Toxicant, Standard Reference Toxicant Test, and Positive Control. All Committee members are requested to review prior to the next meeting.

Having reached a bit of standstill in terms of review, Paul suggested that he work on formatting as well as some of the addressed concerns regarding 'Guidance'. He will then send out the Draft to the Committee for its review (individually) prior to the next meeting scheduled for June 17. Teresa stated that it is critical for the members to review the Standard and what it says. Elizabeth added that new eyes may be our best asset.

6 – New Business

Teresa brought up a Task Force that was charged with helping to determine whether or not more than 1 endpoint was necessary, and which endpoint was needed. DMRQA measures acute only (survival). Some ABs look for measures of survival, growth, and IC25, and use whichever is the most sensitive. The Committee feels that there should be only 1 endpoint reported as opposed to what is in the permit. This should then be taken back to EPA. Chandra asked if this was related to the WET White Paper, and Teresa said yes. Chandra said that they are only required to report IC25, and not 3 endpoints. Teresa will try to bring back the White Paper and take this to EPA. Carlita thought it was a great idea. Teresa believes we can provide better guidance because EPA isn't. *[Editor's Note: Paul isn't aware of any such Task Force within TNI.]*

7 - Adjourn

The Committee will next meet on Wednesday, June 17 at 1PM Eastern. The meeting adjourned at 1355 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)	Yes
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)	No
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)	No
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)	Yes

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Associate Members present were:

Antoine Chamsi, Matt Jones, Jessica Redifer, Mary Ann Rempel-Hester, and Justin Seikel.