

Whole Effluent Toxicity Committee Meeting

Wednesday, July 22, 2026 – 1:00 PM Eastern

Minutes

1 - Welcome and Roll Call

Teresa called the meeting to order at 1303 Eastern. Attendees are found in Attachment 1. 9 Voting Members and 4 Associate Members were present. Paul Junio was present as the PA.

2 - Approval of Agenda

A discussion regarding the EPA DMRQA occurred prior to the agenda was approved. DMRQA Study 46 has not yet been announced by USEPA. Stephen mentioned that he has been getting requests from his clients about DMRQA data. Paul provided an update that it was discussed at another TNI meeting earlier in the day by the Proficiency Testing Program Executive Committee. That committee will be recommending to the NELAP AC and TNI Board that PT Providers should release a WP Study for WET under the logic that US EPA accepts any WP Study for chemical parameters. Beth indicated that she might have an update that she can share with the Committee. Following this discussion, the Agenda was approved as presented by consent.

3 - Approval of Minutes from June 17 meeting

Following a review of the June 17 meeting minutes, Darrin made a motion to approve minutes, with Beth seconding. All committee members voted in favor, with an abstention from Carlita. The minutes will be forwarded for posting.

4 – There was discussion at the CSDP EC Meeting earlier in July about a re-organization of Volume 2. The intent of that re-organization is to more clearly indicate that Module 2 is the over-arching module that drives the rest of the modules. This plan was provided to the CSDP EC for feedback, and will be presented to the TNI Board at some point. This was discussed for information only.

5 - Discussion on V1M7 Draft Standard – Committee Comments and Draft

All committee comments were combined into the draft Module 7 and discussed from the beginning of the module.

Title - TNI's naming convention for this Module is Whole Effluent Toxicity Testing Requirements. This was made consistent between the title page and Table of Contents

Introduction and Scope as 1.0 and 2.0 is consistent with TNI Style Guide

Addition to Scope “In addition to the quality control standards described in this Module, individual methods may contain additional detailed requirements for toxicity testing activities. The evaluation of laboratories for this discipline is in conjunction with a quality system as specified in TNI Module 2.”

The following definitions were revised based on the comments submitted –

- Acute
- Acute Toxicity Test
- Chronic Toxicity Test
- Confidence Interval
- Dilution Factor
- Dilution Series
- Dilution Water
- Effective Concentration
- Method Validation
- Point Estimate
- Test Initiation

Note that much discussion occurred regarding:

- Chronic/Chronic Toxicity Test
- Control/Dual Control/Positive Control/Standard Reference Toxicant
- Reference Chemical/Reference Toxicant
- Test/Test Method

The committee needs to look at the usage of each term and determine a path forward. This applies globally in terms that are defined but may or may not be used in the manner of the definition, if at all.

Sections 4 and 5 need a review to determine if there should be more numbered paragraphs or bulleted points to be less narrative.

Section 5 SHOULD be labeled Method Validation and Verification per TNI Style guide / Format

5 – New Business

None

6 - Adjourn

The Committee's next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, August 19 at 1PM Eastern. Teresa noted that she has a conflict and needs to re-schedule the meeting. A quick survey among those in attendance indicated that moving the meeting to the following week (August 26 at 1PM ET) would work. The meeting adjourned at 1433 Eastern. The next meeting will begin at Section 5 of the draft Module.

Attachment 1 WET Expert Committee Membership

Member	Organization	Email	Stakeholder	Term Expires	Present?
Teresa Norberg-King (Chair)	USEPA (retired)	Norbe010@alumni.umn.edu	Other	2027 (1)	Yes
Stephen Clark (Vice Chair)	Pacific EcoRisk	slclark@pacificecorisk.com	Lab	2027 (2)	Yes
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Beth Biller	VA DCLS	Beth.biller@dgs.virginia.gov	AB	2029 (2)	Yes
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Associate Members present were:

Nora Lough, Rami Naddy, Hannah Pine, and Jessica Redifer.