



# TNI Proficiency Testing Program Executive Committee

Wednesday, August 8, 2012

Presented by: The PT Executive Committee

Session Chair: Stacie Metzler



# Session Agenda

- PTPA Reports
- PTPA On-Site Assessments
- Database Subcommittee Update
- FoPT Updates
- SOP Subcommittee
- Micro Scoring Question
- Assigned Value
- Complaint





# PTP Executive Committee

## □ Committee Members

- Stacie Metzler, Chair- HRSD
- Eric Smith, Past Chair – TestAmerica, Inc
- Ilona Taunton, Program Administrator- TNI
- Justin Brown- Environmental Monitoring and Technologies, Inc.
- Susan Butts- South Carolina DHEC
- Patrick Brumfield- Sigma- Aldrich RTC
- Nicole Cairns- NY State DOH
- Amy Doupe – Lancaster Laboratories, Inc.
- Steve Gibson – Texas Comm. on Environmental Quality
- Michella Karapondo – US EPA OGWDW
- Carl Kircher - Florida DOH
- Joe Pardue – Pro2Serve, Inc.
- Andy Valkenburg – Energy Laboratories, Inc
- Curtis Wood – Environmental Resource Associates



# PTPA Reports

- A2LA
- A-Class





# PTPA Evaluations

- A2LA- September of 2012
  - Stacie Metzler, PTP Executive Committee Chair
  - Susan Butts, PT Executive Committee Member
  - New York Department of Health
  
- A-Class- Early 2013
  - Stacie Metzler, PTP Executive Committee Chair
  - Nicole Cairns, PTP Executive Committee Member
  - Absolute Standards





# PTPA Evaluations

- Checklist Review
  
- Database Evaluation
  - Subcommittee review of checklist
  - Designate which questions correspond to database





# Database Subcommittee

- Members:
  - Stacie Metzler, HRSD (Chair)
  - Matt Sica, A-Class representative
  - Randy Querry, A2LA
  - Rob Knake, A2LA
  - Steve Arpie, Absolute Standards
  - Curtis Wood, ERA
  - Keith Ward, Wibby Environmental
  - Carl Kirshcer, Florida DOH
  - Susan Butts, South Carolina DHEC
  - Ilona Taunton, TNI
  - William Daystrom, TNI Webmaster





# Database Subcommittee

- Objectives:
  - To define a list of what is required to be in any PTPA database based on the TNI 2009 Standard. We need to be sure this is clearly covered in the PTPA checklist.
  - To define what the PT Executive Committee requires from the PTPAs to evaluate the PT Program, and the format for submittal of this information.
  - To determine if there are re-writes to the TNI standard necessary to more clearly define the expectations and requirements for PTPA databases.







# Database Subcommittee

- To define a list of what is required to be in any PTPA database based on the TNI 2009 Standard. We need to be sure this is clearly covered in the PTPA checklist.
  - ✦ Completed spring 2012
  - ✦ Questions on the full PTPA checklist will indicate which questions pertain to the database





# Database Subcommittee

- To define what the PTP Executive Committee requires from the PTPAs to evaluate the PT Program, and the format for submittal of this information.
  - ✦ Have developed a table using terminology from the A2LA and A-Class Databases
  - ✦ Determined information is captured in both databases
  - ✦ Working to determine calculations, or programming needs to merge data into usable format
    - ◆ PTP Executive Committee Program Evaluation
    - ◆ FoPT Subcommittee evaluations



# Database Subcommittee

- To determine if there are re-writes to the TNI standard necessary to more clearly define the expectations and requirements for PTPA databases.
  - ✦ Next step to be completed once the database is operational





# Chemistry FoPT Subcommittee

- Recognition of the PT Executive Committee's current Chemistry FoPT Subcommittee:
  - Carl Kircher (chair)
  - Stephen Arpie
  - Dan Dickinson
  - Amy Doupe
  - Stacey Fry
  - Jeff Lowry
  - Jim Morotti
  - Eric Smith





# PT Program FoPT Subcommittee Activities

- Chemistry FoPT Subcommittee
  - Meets every other Tuesday at 12:00 p.m. Eastern Time.
  - The group contains a balanced mix of laboratories, PT providers, and State Accreditation Bodies.





# PT Program FoPT Subcommittee Activities

- The group is performing a review of and update to each of the analytes on the Non-Potable Water Accreditation FoPT table. The subcommittee is roughly 80% through that review, and they expect the review will be completed in the Fall of 2012.
- Once that task is completed, the subcommittee will proceed with a review and update to each of the analytes on the Solid & Chemical Materials Accreditation FoPT table.



# WET FoPT Subcommittee

- Recognition of the WET FoPT Subcommittee members :
  - Naddy Rami (Chair)
  - Ginger Briggs
  - Pete De Lisle
  - Robert Kelly
  - Jamie Mitchell
  - Jeff Lowry
  - Bob O'Brien
  - Faust Parker
  - Chris Pasch
  - Brian Krausz
  - Steven Rewa
  - Teresa Norberg-King





# WET FoPT Subcommittee

- Meets 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the month at 11:00 AM MT
- Addressing issues with FoPTs and acceptance limit determination
  - Data Evaluation







# PT Program FoPT Subcommittee Activities

- Protozoa FoPT Subcommittee
  - Leadership- Leah Villegas and Carrie Miller
  - Completed FoPT Table
  - Will begin determining use of FoPTs
    - ✦ NELAP or other





# SOP Update Subcommittee

- Newly formed
- Initiate committee review of SOPs
- Incorporate SOP comments





# SOP Update Subcommittee

- Members:
  - Curtis Wood
  - Patrick Brumfield
  - Justin Brown
  - Nicole Cairns
  
- In the process of updating SOP 4-104  
“Dispute Resolution Procedures”





# Microbiology PT Scoring

Susan Butts:

- The issue involves scoring of PT results reported as “Greater than” as ACCEPTABLE.
- The evaluation is determined based on the numerical value reported, not including the “>”





# Microbiology PT Scoring

Questions:

- 1) Are ">" values reported for Micro supposed to be graded as acceptable and used in the statistical calculations?
- 2) If so, where is this defined in the standards?
- 3) If not, what is the next course of action our office needs to take?



# Assigned Value

- PT Expert Committee update:
  - Definition for TNI Standard
  - Consistent implementation
    - ✦ TNI Database
    - ✦ PT Providers
    - ✦ Laboratories





# Complaint

Many of the State AB websites link directly to the A2LA website for the list of approved TNI PT Providers. This information is no longer correct since PT Providers can now (since January 2011) be accredited by 2 different PTPAs. This situation involves accreditation bodies in both NELAP states and non-NELAP states that use the TNI Standards. We feel that TNI is not actively or has not properly notified the states and that this situation is contributing to a restraint of trade with the state accreditation bodies defined above.



# Questions

- Open Floor for Questions and Comments:
  - On topics discussed today
  - On new topics/issues

