Consensus Standards Development Board Proposed Tentative Interim Amendment #2. April, 2009

a. the section(s) of the standard that should be amended;

V1M1 7.2

b. the rationale for the Tentative Interim Amendment:

Some members of the NELAC Board will not accept the standard if the term "appeals" is used in the PT module. Additionally, this section refers to a TNI process that does not yet exist. The TNI Executive Director has notified the committee that a process for complaint resolution between laboratories and ABs is under development with the Policy Committee and a procedure will be in place before the implementation date of the Standard. The Policy will establish the complaint resolution process for all aspects of accreditation including PT, hence this "requirement" does not need to be included in the standard.

c. the factor(s) that would determine whether the amendment qualifies as a Tentative Interim Amendment:

The proposed amendment will correct a circumstance that will result in an adverse impact to NELAC ABs if the amendment is not made.

d. the proposed change to the standard, including suggested wording is as follows:

Remove the clause in its entirety.