

Asbestos Testing Expert Committee (ATEC) Charter

May 4, 2021

Mission

Develop and maintain consensus standards for asbestos testing (AT) that support TNI programs and that address the following elements of an asbestos testing program:

1. Roles and responsibilities of program participants,
2. Method selection and validation,
3. Technical requirements, and
4. Quality assurance and data acceptance criteria.

Composition of the Committee

TNI members representing applicable stakeholder groups; each serving 3-year terms with a maximum of 2 consecutive terms without CSDEC approval.

1. Stakeholder groups include:
 - a. Laboratory/Field Sampling Measurement Organization (FSMO)
 - b. Accreditation Body (AB) – (includes ABs of Labs/FSMOs/PTPs)
 - c. Other (i.e., consultants, 3rd party assessors, etc.)
2. A Chair and Vice-Chair are elected from among the committee membership; each serving 1-year terms with a maximum of 3 consecutive terms.
3. Membership must maintain balance so that no stakeholder group has a majority.
4. Associate and Affiliate members are allowed.

Objectives

1. Develop and maintain consensus standards for asbestos testing (AT) that are practical, implementable, and meet the needs of the environmental testing community while providing data of known and documented quality.

Success Measure:

- Adoption of consensus AT standards by TNI and/or other applicable programs.
2. Serve as a technical resource to TNI members and other interested parties.

Success Measure:

- Prompt response to Standard Interpretation Requests (SIRs).
 - Adoption of guidance documents by TNI that support the AT standards as needed.
3. Provide technical assistance in developing tools to facilitate the implementation of the Standard.

Success Measure:

- Checklists to aid in implementation by labs and ABs.
 - Training via various media as necessary.
4. Prepare and deliver an Annual Report for the previous year and Work Plan for the coming year for the annual meeting or when requested by the Executive Director.

Success Measure:

- Activities and progress provided within the Annual Report and Work Plan design and any subsequent revisions are approved by the TNI Board .

Available Resources

- Volunteer committee members
- Existing national and international consensus-based standards
- TNI website and other TNI support services (administrative, technical editing, etc.)
- Teleconference and web-based services
- TNI Infrastructure
- Industry experts
- Limited Travel Funding

Anticipated Meeting Schedule

- Monthly virtual meetings open to all Full and Associate Members (default time on TNI Website)
- Additional meetings as needed
- In-person meetings during semiannual TNI Forums (Winter and Summer) open to all forum registrants

Approved by the CSDP EC – May 13, 2021