

Chemistry Expert Committee (CEC)

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Mission:

To improve the technical quality of environmental testing methodologies by developing standards that ensure the quality of data. It is important that a balance between impact on laboratories and improvement in technical quality be maintained during this process.

Composition of the Committee:

1. The committee consists of three stakeholder groups; laboratory, other, and accreditation body.
2. The committee must maintain balance between the stakeholder groups.
3. The committee may include associate members.

Objectives:

1. Evaluate and improve the TNI Chemistry standard.
Success Measure: Adoption and implementation of any new or revised standard.
2. Develop standards that are useable across various EPA and state programs.
Success Measure: EPA and state programs accept new or revised standard.
3. Develop guidance and training documents to aid in the understanding of the TNI Chemistry standard
4. Resolve all Standard Interpretation Requests(SIR) associated with the chemistry standard

Decision Making:

Decision on changes to the Chemistry standard or standard interpretation requests will be made by Majority Vote and in the presence of, or by electronic voting of, a committee quorum; voting options are: Yeah, Nay or Abstain

Available Resources:

- Volunteer committee members
- Teleconference and A/V services
- Program Administrator support
- On-line storage, maintenance and archiving of SOPs, Policies and related documents

Anticipated Meeting Schedule:

- Monthly conference calls.
- Periodic face-to face meetings