

Chemistry Expert Committee (CEC) Charter

November 11, 2021

Mission:

To develop and maintain standards that improve and ensure the technical quality of environmental chemical testing 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 includes associate members and may include Affiliate members.

Objectives:

1. Evaluate and improve the TNI chemical testing standard.

Success Measure:

- Adoption and implementation of any new or revised standard.

2. Develop chemical testing standards that are useable across various environmental accreditation programs.

Success Measure:

- Environmental accreditation programs accept new or revised standard.

3. Provide technical assistance in the implementation of the chemical testing standard.

Success Measure:

- Approval and posting of guidance and training documents to aid in the understanding of the chemical testing standard.

4. Provide technical assistance in the interpretation of the chemical testing standard.

Success Measure:

- Resolution of all Standard Interpretation Requests (SIR) associated with the chemical testing standard.

5. 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 Measures:

- 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
- Teleconference and web-based services
- TNI Infrastructure

- Environmental technical community
- TNI Website and TNI support services (administrative, technical editing, etc.)
- 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

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- Approved by the CSDP EC – November 12, 2021