

# FIRE CHEMICALS SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING

Missoula, MT NTDP

April 9-10, 2024

## AGENDA

### Day 1 April 09, 2024

0800-0815 Introductions, logistics, and overview of the meeting McFarlane  
McFarlane, Mike (USDA FS), Conway, Laura (USDA FS), Lake, Bryon (USDA FS), Curtis, Kristina (BLM), Forbes, Angie (BLM), Jones, Hunter (USDA FS), Jurasek, Chris (Association of State Foresters, Western Rep), Neuman, Darren (National Association of State Foresters, Eastern Rep), Robillard, Larry (USDA FS)

0815-0830 Changes to the Roster and discussion about subcommittee McFarlane  
Review of the Roster and identification of two updates to the Roster for Larry Robillard and Laura Conway.

0830-1030 What support is needed to the Program from Partners and McFarlane  
How do we obtain that support?

Discussion on the ability to provide ownership in the QPL with other Federal and State entities. The need to support updated testing and innovation in testing requirements, development of quality discriminators and continued testing of new products entering the market are significant now. How can those that participate in the QPL support the QPL and how to do we make the QPL an Interagency document with input from the states and federal agencies. Cooperative agreements, hire positions for NTDP, Charge for additional support were all discussed as options. State Representatives to take back to states to see if participation can be accomplished.

1030-1045 Break

1045-1230 Operational Field Evaluations Lake/McFarlane  
- What should we be looking for in OFE  
- How effective has the OFE been and what needs to change

Review of existing OFE Requirements and previous contract testing procedures for OFE and discussion on additional criteria to improve OFE Testing outcomes. Discussion centered around aircraft and operational testing in aircraft and with ATBs to ensure that new products approved for use via the QPL were thoroughly tested to ensure success to the LTFR provider and the government. Topics were more visibility testing, additional intermittent inspections of the aircraft used in the OFE, Testing wastewater issues via labs, how many aircraft and what types of aircraft to use, having one aircraft to fly only the product being tested and others commingling product, how many gallons to use, duration of the testing (one season, multiple seasons, until we feel comfortable?), do we need to run product thru bulk bases to see if works with existing government equipment.

1230-1330 Lunch

1330-1430 How to make the most of the Subcommittee Lake/McFarlane  
Need to share information with the subcommittee to ensure that info is being shared with states and federal partners. Need to have one in-person meeting annually and 3 virtual meetings at least during times of significant changes. What to put on the website, development of a sharepoint site for documents that are not for public consumption. Development of an FAQ section, Links to critical documents (Specifications, QPLs, and testing procedures). Video postings for training need to be loaded to the site (done). Development of a Charter with direction and process that describes meetings, attendance, posting, and sharing of information.

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1500-1600	Bin Items or additional topics that arise during the meeting	All
1600-1700	Action Items, summary, and go backs	McFarlane

## Day 2 April 10, 2024

0800-1000	Specification Discussion	Group
	-Changes need to the Specification	
	- Testing Changes needed	
	-Process for changes to the specification	

Discussed process guide on changes to the Specification and definitions and process for Revisions and Amendments to the Specification. Discussed the need to review the GSA Federal Standardization Manual to ensure we comply with the direction in the manual for our Specifications. Discussed including requirements for compatibility, heavy metals, post approval requirements and authorities, the addition of various testing methods.

1000-1015	Break	
1015-1200	Specification discussion continued	Group

Discussed ongoing review of soil testing, additional health and human testing, and vegetation testing.

1200-1300	Lunch	
1300-1400	Testing Modernization Update/Discussion	Lake/Jones

Discussed Micro Motion Meter reviews and efforts to locate alternate sources to perform the functions needed at bases. Discussed potential changes to LAQA process and how to make the LAQA more real time and meaningful. Discussed new equipment and testing processes for NTDP on Fire Chemicals.

1400-1500	Topic not discussed and removed from the Agenda	McF/Casavan
1500-1600	Topic not discussed and removed from the Agenda	Group

1600-1700	Action Items and go backs – Wrap up	McFarlane
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Wrap up with review of action items

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