Pete Greiner called the meeting to order, and Sarah Kozanecki read the NSF Antitrust Statement and took roll call.

The first item reviewed was a report provided by F. Di Folco comparing the Q versus the Day-19 geomean of 39 sample sets of Sec 9 products submitted to CSA for evaluation. Of note was the significant occurrence of the Day-19 geomean exceeding the SPAC for lead. Pete acknowledged that this happens. He stated that although important to note, another thing to consider is that Sec 9 results are not normalized for flowing conditions. In most sections of the standard, static results are evaluated against the TAC. No other comments were received from the group.

The second item reviewed was chart provided by F. Lemieux showing the level of lead extracting to water as a function of time. The chart was provided to demonstrate the principle that lead extraction to water is not linear over an extended time period. Lead extracts more quickly during the first couple of hours then gradually slows. The chart was added to the standards website for reference.

Next F. DiFolco let the group know that CSA is performing a study comparing the Qs of sample exposed through the normal Section 9 protocol with a modified exposure protocol where the 4, 2-hr water changes during the day have been replaced with 1, 8-hr exposure. The same 16-hr exposure periods are used for analysis. The results on a product tested so far showed pretty good correlation (Qs of 5.2 and 5.4). He will provide more information as available. Franco thought this might fall outside this task groups charge and need input by others.

Craig stated he is looking forward to the results. He added that initially, the water changes every two hours was thought to provide a mechanism to simulate more aged products and it might not be as important given the lower lead levels in the materials used in today’s products. P. Greiner added that the protocol might be in option as he thought that it is likely less aggressive than where the water is changed every 2 hours. He posited this is the case as less lead is likely pulled off the products during the intermediate (not tested) exposures leaving more lead to be available during the analyzed 16-hr exposures.

P. Greiner stated that he will be sending Leonora Marro additional data on the 317 datasets providing the Q and it’s components based on if calculated with just the first 3 pour-offs and with just the first 6 pour-offs. Lenora will try to complete a similar evaluation for the next conference call.

P. Greiner asked the group to confirm that the first charge to the task group has been completed [“Review the basis of the Q statistic given the expected lower extraction of lead values”]. C. Selover and F. Lemieux concurred. Future work of the task group will focus on the second charge [“review the plausibility of creating a shorter exposure protocol...”].

Next conference call was scheduled for 3/19/08.