## Task Group on Extraction Water Chemistries Teleconference Summary June 23, 2008

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## **Participants**

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Sarah Kozanecki read the anti-trust statement and Pete Greiner called the meeting to order.

P. Greiner updated the task group on the work done to date. He stated that a finalized RFP had been drafted and sent to HDR, who provided comments relative to cost and feasibility. Since then, an AwwaRF Partnership Project was being set up with TZW that was similar in scope to the RFP this task group created. P. Greiner stated that previous discussions with M. Schock indicated that this AwwaRF project has some of the same research objectives as ours and might be a good opportunity to move forward with the proposal as a funded project. P. Greiner stated that rather than duplicate efforts, we could structure ours to either supplement the AwwaRF project to meet our needs or to take necessary follow-up steps in applying any data gathered to NSF/ANSI 61. He stated that he hoped to discuss with this group whether the partnership project fulfills the intent of the task group as outlined in their RFP.

B. Weed asked if this task group could recommend any additional items or refine what is in the AwwaRF project based on what this task group is looking for in terms of water characteristics. P. Greiner stated that his and France's review of the proposal by TZW could only be based on the AwwaRF RFP and could not introduce anything new based on what this task group is looking for. He stated that differences in the RFP could lead to a different end product, and that this task group needs to decide if this proposal will provide the answers they are looking for. P. Greiner pointed out some key differences between the AwwaRF project and this task group's RFP:

- The AwwaRF project looks at both chemistry and performance issues
- It is more robust in terms of questions that are looking to be addressed
- It does not identify all the same parameters of interest as the NSF RFP
- P. Greiner stated that one question to answer is whether all of the parameters identified in the RFP are important. He stated that while TZW is a capable group that will likely produce good data, they would ultimately be using their own judgment to determine the parameters of interest.
- B. Weed also inquired about participation in the AwwaRF project. P. Greiner responded that during his review of TZW's proposal he requested the project team participants to be specifically identified and added that he thought B. Weed's participation would be beneficial. F. Lemieux stated that there is still an opportunity to suggest parameters and that she would be recommending individual partners to participate.

The group agreed to meet again after the AwwaRF project is finalized to determine the next steps.