

National Type Evaluation Program (NTEP) Committee 2017 Interim Meeting Report

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5000 INTRODUCTION

The NTEP Committee (hereinafter referred to as the “Committee”) submits this Committee Interim Report for consideration by National Conference on Weights and Measures (NCWM). This report contains the items discussed and actions proposed by the Committee during its Interim Meeting in San Antonio, Texas, January 8-11, 2017. The report will address the items in Table A during the Annual Meeting. Table A identifies the agenda items by reference key, title of item, page number and the appendices by appendix designations. The acronyms for organizations and technical terms used throughout the agenda are identified in Table B.

The NTEP Program is administered by NCWM with input from members of NCWM. NCWM Publication 14, *Administrative Policy* changes are adopted by recommendation of the Committee and a majority vote of the Board of Directors. NCWM Publication 14, *Technical Policy, Checklists, Test Procedures* changes are adopted by recommendation of the NTEP Sectors and a majority vote of the NTEP Committee.

The first three digits of an item’s reference key are assigned from the Subject Series List. The status of each item contained in the report is designated as one of the following: **(D) Developing Item:** the Committee determined the item has merit; however, the item was returned to the submitter or other designated party for further development before any action can be taken at the national level; **(I) Informational Item:** the item is under consideration by the Committee but not proposed for Voting; **(W) Withdrawn Item:** the item has been removed from consideration by the Committee.

The Committee may change the status designation of agenda items (Developing, Informational, and Withdrawn) up until the report is adopted. Any change from the Committee Interim Report (as contained in this publication) or from what appears on the addendum sheets will be explained to the attendees prior to a vote of the NTEP Committee or Board of Directors.

An “Item Under Consideration” is a statement of proposal and not necessarily a recommendation of the Committee. Suggested revisions are shown in **bold face print** by ~~striking-out~~ information to be deleted and **underlining** information to be added. Requirements that are proposed to be nonretroactive are printed in **bold faced italics**. Additional letters, presentations and data may have been part of the Committee’s consideration. Please refer to <https://www.ncwm.net/meetings/annual/publication-16> to review these documents.

All sessions are open to registered attendees of the conference. If the Committee must discuss any issue that involves proprietary information or other confidential material; that portion of the session dealing with the special issue may be closed if (1) the Chairman or, in his absence, the Chairman-Elect approves; (2) the Executive Director is notified; and (3) an announcement of the closed meeting is posted on or near the door to the meeting session and at the registration desk. If possible, the posting will be done at least a day prior to the planned closed session.

Note: It is policy to use metric units of measurement in publications; however, recommendations received by NCWM technical committees and regional weights and measures associations have been printed in this publication as submitted. Therefore, the report may contain references to inch-pound units.

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Acronym	Term	Acronym	Term
CC	Certificate of Conformance	NCWM	National Conference on Weights and Measures
CIML	International Committee of Legal Metrology	NIST	National Institute of Standards and Technology
DoMC	Declaration of Mutual Confidence	NTEP	National Type Evaluation Program
IV	Initial Verification	OIML	International Organization of Legal Metrology
MAA	Mutual Acceptance Arrangement	OWM	Office of Weights and Measures
MC	Measurement Canada	R	Recommendation
MDMD	Multiple Dimension Measuring Devices	VCAP	Verification Conformity Assessment Program
MRA	Mutual Recognition Arrangement		

Details of All Items
(In order by Reference Key)

5100 INTERNATIONAL

5100-1 I Mutual Recognition Arrangement (MRA)

Background / Discussion:

The MRA between Measurement Canada (MC) and NTEP labs originated April 1, 1994. Since that time, the original MRA has expanded, and a second MRA covering measuring devices was developed. On Tuesday July 26th, 2016, NCWM Chairman Jerry Buendel and Measurement Canada President Alan Johnston signed a renewal MRA that provides for continued cooperation between the two organizations and continuation of the 22 year beneficial partnership. The new MRA will be effective for 5 years.

The scope of the current MRA includes:

- gasoline and diesel dispensers;
- high-speed dispensers;
- gasoline and diesel meters intended to be used in fuel dispensers and truck refuelers;
- electronic computing and non-computing bench, counter, floor, and platform scales with a capacity up to 1000 kg (2000 lb);
- weighing/load receiving elements with a capacity of up to 1000 kg (2000 lb);
- electronic weight indicating elements (except those that are software based, i.e., programmed by downloading parameters); and
- mechanical scales up to 10 000 kg (20 000 lb).

MC, NTEP, and all of our mutual stakeholders agree that the MRA is a benefit for the North American weights and measures industry. The NTEP Committee appreciates the efforts and cooperation of Measurement Canada and is working with MC to continue and expand the arrangement.

5100-2 I Mutual Acceptance Arrangement (MAA)

Background / Discussion:

Information regarding the International Organization of Legal Metrology (OIML) MAA can be found at www.oiml.org/maa. NCWM has signed the OIML MAA Declaration of Mutual Confidence (DoMC) for Recommendation (R) 60 Load Cells as a Utilizing Participant. A Utilizing Participant is a participant which does not issue any OIML Certificate of Conformance (CC) nor OIML Test Reports and/or Test Reports under a DoMC but does utilize the reports issued by issuing participants.

The US (NTEP) supported the OIML B10 documents for the MAA with the provision that the use of manufacturer test data was clearly identified on the MAA test report because NTEP cannot use manufacturer test data towards issuance of an NTEP certificate. Consequently, the CIML voted and approved the Amendment to B10 to allow the inclusion of test data from manufacturers, on a strictly voluntary basis, at its October 2012 meeting in Bucharest. Dr. Chuck Ehrlich, National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST), Office of Weights and Measures (OWM), gave an update to the Committee, reviewing the history of the above discussions, deliberations, and CIML votes, confirming that the outcomes aligned with the NTEP Committee's recommendations and the instructions provided by the NCWM Board of Directors.

Dr. Ehrlich requested on multiple occasions that NCWM review its MAA policy regarding participation in R76. The NCWM Board recapped the decision process to participate as a Utilizing Participant for R60. Existing policy from 2006 is not to participate in R76 until NCWM can do so as an Issuing Participant. The Board has revisited the 2006 discussions leading to that decision, including considerations for NTEP labs' work load, potential lost expertise, concerns with quality of evaluations at some foreign labs, etc. Dr. Ehrlich wanted NCWM to reconsider and, if there was no possibility in sight that the NCWM could become an Issuing Participant, then it should consider becoming a Utilizing Participant for OIML R76. Some U.S. manufacturers support NCWM policy, but others would like to have one-stop shopping. The MAA also includes R49 (water meters), and R117 (RMFD) may be added. Since there are no new developments to affect the decision, the NCWM Board of Directors agreed to maintain existing policy at this time.

From January 2011 to March 2017, sixty-four NTEP certificates for load cells were issued under the MAA. The NTEP Administrator reviewed all MAA test data and drafted the NTEP certificates. Because of the more recent difficulties encountered by the International Bureau of Legal Metrology (BIML) in adequately obtaining and summarizing peer review and/or accreditation data from the MAA test laboratories, it was proposed that a more robust OIML Certification System (OIML-CS) be developed that has a Management Committee to develop policy (subject to approval by the International Committee on Legal Metrology, or CIML) and oversee operations. A preliminary Framework Document for developing the OIML-CS was prepared, and was presented to the CIML and approved at the 2016 CIML Meeting (in Strasbourg, France). On this basis, an OIML-CS Preliminary Management Committee (PrMC) has been formed, which will continue the work of developing the additional OIML-CS documents. Dr. Ehrlich will represent the U.S. on the PrMC, with anticipated assistance from NCWM/NTEP (Mr. Jim Truex and Mr. Darrell Flocken). The first PrMC meeting is tentatively scheduled for February 2017. It is anticipated that the OIML-CS will go into effect in January, 2018, but until then the MAA will remain operational.

A meeting of the MAA Committee on Participation Review (CPR) for R60 and R76 was held on March 22 and 23, 2016 in Denmark. Dr. Chuck Ehrlich, NIST, OWM, Mr. John Barton, NIST, OWM; and Mr. Darrell Flocken, NCWM attended the meeting. Another CPR meeting might be held in 2017, but this might be cancelled and instead the work subsumed into the OIML-CS work.

Dr. Ehrlich represented U.S. interests in this work, and will update the Board at the NCWM Annual Meeting in July 2017 in Pittsburgh, PA.

5200 ACTIVITY REPORTS

5200-1 I NTEP Participating Laboratories and Evaluations Reports

Background / Discussion:

The NTEP weighing and measuring laboratories held a joint meeting March 28-30, 2017, in Annapolis, MD.

The NTEP weighing laboratories also met in August 2016, prior to the NTEP Weighing Sector meeting and the measuring laboratories met in September prior to the NTEP Measuring Sector meeting in Denver, CO to discuss current issues.

NTEP continues to routinely survey customers pertaining to NTEP administration and laboratories customer service. The survey is released to active CC holders. The board routinely reviews the results of the survey to form a continuous improvement plan for NTEP. With any survey, the challenge is to develop a document that is concise enough that customers will respond, while also providing a meaningful set of data. To date, the NCWM Board of Directors is finding general approval of NTEP services.

During the 2017 Interim Meeting the Committee reviewed NTEP statistics through December 2016. The review of statistics shows that incoming applications are relatively comparable to normal and there exist no significant laboratory backlog issues.

5200-2 I NTEP Sector Reports

Background / Discussion:

All NTEP Sector reports were available to members at the time *NCWM Publication 15* was published. The NTEP Committee is committed to ensuring that electronic versions of sector reports are available with *NCWM Publication 15*. Please note that the sector reports will only be available in the electronic version of *NCWM Publication 15* at ncwm.net/meetings/interim/archive; they will not be available in the printed versions of *NCWM Publication 15*.

NTEP Belt-Conveyor Scale Sector:

The NTEP Belt-Conveyor Scale Sector met February 23, 2016, in Pittsburgh, PA. A final draft of the meeting summary was provided to the Committee prior to the 2017 NCWM Interim Meeting for review and approval (See Appendix B).

The next meeting of the NTEP Belt-Conveyor Scale Sector is not scheduled at this time. For questions on the status of sector work or to propose items for a future meeting, please contact the sector Technical Advisor:

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NTEP Grain Moisture Meter and NIR Protein Analyzer Sectors:

The NTEP Grain Analyzer Sector met September 13-14, 2016 in Kansas City, MO. The second day was a joint meeting with the NTEP Software Sector. A draft of the final summary was provided to the Committee prior to the 2017 NCWM Interim Meeting for review and approval (See Appendix C).

The next meeting of the NTEP Grain Moisture Meter and NIR Protein Analyzer Sectors is scheduled for August 16-17, 2017 in Kansas City, MO. For questions on the status of sector work or to propose items for a future meeting, please contact the Technical Advisor:

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NTEP Measuring Sector:

The NTEP Measuring Sector met September 20-21, 2016, in Denver, CO. A draft of the final summary was provided to the Committee prior to the 2017 NCWM Interim Meeting for review and approval. (See Appendix D)

The next meeting of the NTEP Measuring Sector Meeting is scheduled for October 3-4, 2017 in Houston, TX. For questions on the status of sector work or to propose items for a future meeting, please contact the sector Technical Advisor:

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NTEP Software Sector:

The NTEP Software Sector met September 14, 2016 in Denver, Colorado. It was a joint meeting with the NTEP Grain Analyzer Sector. A final draft of the meeting summary was provided to the Committee prior to the 2017 NCWM Interim Meeting for review and approval. (See Appendix E)

The next meeting of the NTEP Software Sector is scheduled for May 3, 2017 in Columbus, OH. The meeting will be a joint meeting of the NTEP Multiple Dimension Measuring Device (MDMD) Work Group and Software Sector. For questions on the status of sector work or to propose items for a future meeting, please contact the sector Chair and/or the NTEP Specialist:

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NTEP Weighing Sector:

The NTEP Weighing Sector met August 23-24, 2016, in Denver, CO. A final draft of the meeting summary was provided to the Committee prior to the 2017 NCWM Interim Meeting for review and approval. (See Appendix F)

The next NTEP Weighing Sector meeting is scheduled for August 22-23, 2017 in Houston, TX. For questions on the status of sector work or to propose items for a future meeting, please contact the sector Technical Advisor:

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NTEP Multiple Dimension Measuring Devices (MDMD) Work Group:

The NTEP MDMD Work Group met April 26-27, 2016, in Reynoldsburg, OH. A final draft of the meeting summaries was provided to the Committee prior to the 2017 NCWM Interim Meeting for review and approval. (See Appendix G)

The next NTEP MDMD Work Group meeting is scheduled for March 2-3, 2017, in Columbus, OH. For questions on the status of work group or to propose items for a future meeting, please contact Work Group Chair Robert Kennington or NTEP Specialist Darrell Flocken.

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The NTEP Committee reviewed and approved all 2016 NTEP Sector and Work Group reports during the 2017 Interim Meeting.

5300 CONFORMITY ASSESSMENT PROGRAM

5300-1 I Conformity Assessment Program

Background / Discussion:

The Conformity Assessment Program was established to ensure devices produced after the device has been type evaluated and certified by NTEP continue to meet the same requirements. This program has three major elements: 1) Certificate Review (administrative); 2) Initial Verification (inspection and performance testing); and 3) Verified Conformity Assessment (influence factors). This item is included on the Committee's agenda to provide an update on these elements.

Certificate Review:

Certificates are constantly under review by NTEP staff and laboratories. Many active certificates are amended annually because of manufacturer submission for evaluation or issues reported by the states pertaining to information on the certificate. When the devices are re-evaluated and certificates are amended, all information is reviewed and necessary steps are taken to assure compliance and that accurate, thorough information is reported on the certificate.

In an effort to keep certificate information up to date, the Committee continues to offer an opportunity for active certificate holders to update contact information that is contained in the "Submitted By" box on certificates. This is offered during the payment period of their annual maintenance fee. Many CC holders have taken advantage of the opportunity for hundreds of NTEP certificates.

Initial Verification (IV):

The IV initiative is ongoing. Field enforcement officials perform an initial inspection and test on new installations on a routine basis. The Committee recognized that the states do not want IV reporting to be cumbersome.

An IV report form was developed several years ago. The Committee desired a simple form, perhaps web-based for use by state and local regulators. The form was approved by the Committee and distributed to the states. A completed form can be submitted via mail, e-mail, fax, or online. The form is available to regulatory officials who are members of NCWM at www.ncwm.net/ntep/conformity/verification.

During the 2014 Annual Meeting NTEP acknowledged that the regulators have not bought into the IV report form. Industry representatives stated that IV is very important to ensure conformity assessment and the NCWM should push harder for reporting of non-compliance issues found during IV.

VCAP:

NCWM has been concerned about production meeting type and protecting the integrity of the NTEP CC since the inception of NTEP. The board has consistently reconfirmed its belief that conformity assessment is vital to NTEP's continued success.

Load cells traceable to NTEP certificates were selected for the initial assessment effort. NCWM elected to require a systems audit checklist that is to be completed by an outside auditor and submitted to NCWM per Section 221.3.3.3.5 of the VCAP requirements. A VCAP Systems Audit Checklist for Manufacturers and a VCAP Systems Audit Checklist for Private Label Certificate Holders have been developed and are available on the website at www.ncwm.net/ntep/conformity/vcap/checklists-faqs. Additionally, the Committee developed a new *NCWM Publication 14*, administrative policy to distinguish between the requirements for parent NTEP certificate holders (21.3.3.2) and private label certificate holders. The requirements in 21.3.3.7 track the private label checklist requirements: traceability to parent NTEP CC, traceability of the private label cell to a VCAP audit, purchase and sales records, plan to report non-conforming product and non-conforming product in stock, plan to conduct internal audits to verify non-compliance action, and internal audit records.

The Committee was given updated VCAP statistics during the 2016 Annual Meeting. As a result of VCAP activities, 27 load cell certificates, involving 15 different certificate holders, were changed to "inactive" status. As a result of VCAP activities for weighing/load receiving elements 2000 lb capacity and less using load cells that are not traceable to their own NTEP certificate, 15 certificates, involving 11 different certificate holders, were changed to "inactive" status.

The Committee had discussions about the required number of audits for facilities that manufacture multiple device types. For example, if a company had successful audits for two device types, they might submit a request for a delay from audit requirements for remaining device types, stating that they are all subjected to the same processes and will be audited in the next cycle. The Committee agreed to the request in principal and directed the NTEP Administrator to develop NCWM policy language. As a result, the following policy was adopted by the NCWM Board in October 2013.

Adding Device Categories to VCAP:

Policy:

1. When a new device category is added to the VCAP requirement, NTEP will recognize the current VCAP audit certification in effect, submitted by a certificate holder, for the same certificate holder and same production facility(s), to cover the new device category, continue the manufacturing process for devices covered by NTEP certificates in the newly added device category, until the due date of the next VCAP audit.

Example: If a company had successful audits for two device types, they might submit a request for exemption from audit requirements for remaining device types, stating that they are all subjected to the same quality management system and will be included in the next audit cycle. The next VCAP audit must be done within 3 years of the last audit and address all applicable device types produced within that facility.

Seven weighing device categories subject to influence factors, as defined in NIST Handbook 44, were identified and are subject to VCAP audits. The VCAP process requirement is ongoing for load cells, weighing elements that use non-NTEP load cells and indicating elements. Certificate holders for these device types are required to have an on-site audit of the manufacturer's quality system and on-site random and/or review of a production device by an outside auditor to verify compliance with VCAP. The NTEP Committee and NCWM Board agreed not to include weighing/load receiving elements using NTEP load cells in the list of device categories subject to VCAP. However, the Board notified certificate holders that they have no intention of amending the table of devices subject to influence factor testing found in the Weighing Devices Section of NCWM Publication 14.

Certificate holders are encouraged to research the VCAP requirements on the NCWM website under the NTEP, Conformity Assessment section. Certificate holders are encouraged to review the VCAP requirements applicable to their devices and report concerns to the NTEP Committee.

The Committee decided during the 2014 Annual Meeting to include indicating elements and approved developed timeline below.

NCWM/NTEP VCAP Compliance Timeline					
Indicating Elements					
Jan 2015– March 2015	Jan 2015- May 2016	Jan 2015- Nov 2016	Jan 2015- Dec 2016	Jun 2016	Dec 2016
NTEP notifies active CC holders of VCAP requirements	Parent CC holders to put VCAP QM system in place	Private Label CC holders to put VCAP QM system in place	NTEP evaluates incoming audit reports	NCWM declares CCs inactive if Parent CC holder fails to comply with VCAP	NCWM declares CCs inactive if Private Label CC holder fails to comply with VCAP
	CC holder to have audit conducted by Certified Body	CC holder to have audit conducted by Certified Body	NTEP contacts CC holders not meeting VCAP requirements to encourage compliance		
	Submit audit report to NCWM/NTEP	Submit audit report to NCWM/NTEP			

The following disclaimer has been advertised and communicated by NCWM: "NCWM is working to identify all active certificates subject to VCAP compliance. As a courtesy, affected certificate holders are being notified of VCAP requirements and the established time line. Please note that the NCWM Board of Directors does not consider it to be NCWM's responsibility to notify all certificate holders about affected certificates. Certificate holders are responsible for reviewing their active NTEP certificates and compliance with VCAP."

The Committee has received letters, questions, and many other inquiries pertaining to VCAP. The Committee has worked diligently to answer the questions submitted in a very timely manner. The Committee knows that additional questions will be posed as VCAP progresses. Certificate holders and other interested parties are encouraged to submit written questions to the NTEP Committee. The Committee is pleased to report that it has been successful in answering all the questions to date. Clerical changes and additions have been made to affected VCAP documents as deemed necessary.

5300-2 I Timelines for Remaining Device Categories Subject to VCAP

Source: NTEP Committee

Item under Consideration:

NCWM decided to include the four remaining device categories subject to VCAP as soon as practicable. In 2016, the Committee worked to develop a timeline to include the remaining categories. NTEP has developed the following proposed timelines to phase in the remaining device categories. The timelines identify the inclusion of the remaining device types into the NTEP, Verified Conformity Assessment Program. Each timeline includes both manufacturers and private label holders of Certificates of Conformance for the device type. The NTEP Committee plans to move forward with the following timelines.

Background / Discussion:

During the 2016 Interim Meeting the Committee heard comments proposing that the remaining device categories be phased in over a several-year period. The Committee appreciates the input from the stakeholders.

When VCAP requirements are applied, the certificate holder is required to have an on-site audit of the manufacturer's quality system and on-site random and/or review of a production device by an outside auditor to verify compliance with VCAP. Certificate holders are encouraged to research the VCAP requirements on the NCWM website under the NTEP, Conformity Assessment section, review the VCAP requirements applicable to their devices and report concerns to the NTEP Committee.

Complete Scales:

This device type includes, but is not limited to, Computing, Non-computing, Point of Sale, Crane, Monorail, and Grain Test Scales with weighing capacities up to and including 2000 lb. It is important to note that the use of an NTEP certified load cell does not qualify the scale for an exemption to the VCAP requirements.

NCWM/NTEP VCAP Compliance Timeline					
Complete Scales					
Jan 2017– March 2017	Jan 2017- May 2018	Jan 2017- Nov 2018	Jan 2017- Dec 2018	Jun 2018	Dec 2018
NTEP notifies active CC holders of VCAP requirements	Parent CC holders to put VCAP QM system in place	Private Label CC holders to put VCAP QM system in place	NTEP evaluates incoming audit reports	NCWM declares CCs inactive if Parent CC holder fails to comply with VCAP	NCWM declares CCs inactive if Private Label CC holder fails to comply with VCAP
	CC holder to have audit completed by authorized auditing company	CC holder to have audit completed by authorized auditing company	NTEP contacts CC holders not meeting VCAP requirements to encourage compliance		
	Submit audit report to NCWM/NTEP	Submit audit report to NCWM/NTEP			

Automatic Weighing Systems:

NCWM/NTEP VCAP Compliance Timeline					
Automatic Weighing Systems					
July 2017– Sept 2017	July 2017- Nov 2018	July 2017- May 2019	July 2017- Jun 2019	Dec 2018	Jun 2019
NTEP notifies active CC holders of VCAP requirements	Parent CC holders to put VCAP QM system in place	Private Label CC holders to put VCAP QM system in place	NTEP evaluates incoming audit reports	NCWM declares CCs inactive if Parent CC holder fails to comply with VCAP	NCWM declares CCs inactive if Private Label CC holder fails to comply with VCAP
	CC holder to have audit completed by authorized auditing company	CC holder to have audit completed by authorized auditing company	NTEP contacts CC holders not meeting VCAP requirements to encourage compliance		
	Submit audit report to NCWM/NTEP	Submit audit report to NCWM/NTEP			

Automatic Bulk Weighing Systems:

NCWM/NTEP VCAP Compliance Timeline Automatic Bulk Weighing Systems					
Jan 2018– March 2018	Jan 2018- May 2019	Jan 2018- Nov 2019	Jan 2018- Dec 2019	Jun 2019	Dec 2019
NTEP notifies active CC holders of VCAP requirements	Parent CC holders to put VCAP QM system in place	Private Label CC holders to put VCAP QM system in place	NTEP evaluates incoming audit reports	NCWM declares CCs inactive if Parent CC holder fails to comply with VCAP	NCWM declares CCs inactive if Private Label CC holder fails to comply with VCAP
	CC holder to have audit completed by authorized auditing company	CC holder to have audit completed by authorized auditing company	NTEP contacts CC holders not meeting VCAP requirements to encourage compliance		
	Submit audit report to NCWM/NTEP	Submit audit report to NCWM/NTEP			

Belt-Conveyor Scales:

NCWM/NTEP VCAP Compliance Timeline Bulk-Conveyor Scales					
July 2018– Sept 2018	July 2018- Nov 2019	July 2018- May 2020	July 2018- Jun 2020	Dec 2019	Jun 2020
NTEP notifies active CC holders of VCAP requirements	Parent CC holders to put VCAP QM system in place	Private Label CC holders to put VCAP QM system in place	NTEP evaluates incoming audit reports	NCWM declares CCs inactive if Parent CC holder fails to comply with VCAP	NCWM declares CCs inactive if Private Label CC holder fails to comply with VCAP
	CC holder to have audit completed by authorized auditing company	CC holder to have audit completed by authorized auditing company	NTEP contacts CC holders not meeting VCAP requirements to encourage compliance		
	Submit audit report to NCWM/NTEP	Submit audit report to NCWM/NTEP			

Background / Discussion:

During the 2016 Annual Meeting a scale company asked if the Committee had given any thought to expanding the VCAP audit to a five-year period. NTEP Administrative Policy Section 21.1.3.2.16 allows for a five-year cycle under specific conditions. The NTEP Committee has agreed to explore the issue and develop guidelines and recommendations for the certification bodies.

Another scale company requested that NTEP develop a unified spreadsheet for VCAP. The Committee agrees and has directed NTEP to develop the checklist (spreadsheet) for manufacturers and VCAP auditors use.

Two scale companies requested that NTEP consider exempting Automatic Weighing Systems (AWS) and Automatic Bulk Weighing Systems (ABWS) from the VCAP audit requirement if they utilize NTEP certified load cells. The Committee discussed both device categories during their work session. The Committee found that all AWS NTEP certificates were for complete devices per NTEP Technical Policy. Some research also revealed that most ABWS certificate were for the ABWS controller. The hoppers normally used in an ABWS are covered by their own weighing/load-receiving NTEP and are several thousand-pound capacity, hence already outside the VCAP requirement since they exceed the 2000 lb capacity or less threshold. The Committee was made aware of three NTEP certificates for ABWS which have a capacity of 2000 lb or less but all three were for complete weighing devices. The Committee concluded that certificates for AWS and ABWS devices are for complete scales or indicating elements/controllers and require a VCAP audit.

Additional comments from affected stakeholders are welcomed and appreciated.

5500 OTHER ITEMS – DEVELOPING ITEMS

5500-1 I Electronic Vehicle Fueling Systems (EVFS)

Source: California Division of Measurement Standards & NTEP Measuring Laboratories

Item under Consideration:

Work with U.S. National Work Group Representatives and other experts to develop an NTEP checklist for electronic vehicle supply equipment (EVSE). Consider establishing an NCWM Work Group or Task Force to complete the project in a timely manner.

Background / Discussion:

In July 2015, the NCWM adopted a tentative code for electronic vehicle fueling systems. The tentative code includes a provision that allows NTEP to accept EVSE for type evaluation to the NIST Handbook 44 code. The USNWG for EVSE developed the tentative code in Handbook 44 and has been working to address evaluation criteria (NTEP checklist) and test standards to be used.

The NTEP Measuring Labs discussed the item during their meeting on September 20, 2016. The consensus of the laboratories was that the examination procedure outline developed by the State of California was not in a proper NCWM Pub 14 checklist format. Another prime issue that is still being developed is the test equipment necessary to test these devices. NTEP cannot evaluate without standards for test equipment. Will NIST traceability be required? The Measuring Laboratories concluded that the present Pub 14 checklist for RMFDs would be a good starting point to use in drafting a Pub 14 checklist for EVSE. The NTEP Administrator and NTEP Measuring Laboratories recommend the NCWM Board of Directors / NTEP Committee consider establishing an NTEP Work Group or Task Force to address the EVSE issues.

The NTEP Committee agreed with the recommendations of the NTEP Measuring Laboratories and worked to establish a NTEP EVSE Work Group. The NTEP EVSE Work Group was developed with Mr. Andrei Moldoveanu, Senior Program Manager for NEMA appointed as Chair. The Work Group consists of seven public sector members and six private sector members representing associate membership.

THE NTEP EVSE Work Group (WG) had their kick-off web based meeting March 14, 2017. The WG plans monthly web meetings with the initial goal of having a draft checklist ready for NCWM Board/NTEP Committee review this fall. For questions on the status of the work group please contact NTEP Administrator Jim Truex at jim.truex@ncwm.net.

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Appendix A

NTEP Statistics Report

General NTEP Statistics	Last Year	This Year to Date
	10/01/15 – 9/30/16	10/01/16 – 3/31/17
Total Applications Processed	(20) 297	(18) 164
Applications Completed	266	174
Certificates Issued	240	157
Active NTEP Certificates	1961	1998

() = Reactivations

Assignments to Labs per Year	10/1/15 – 9/30/16	10/01/16 – 3/31/17
California	37	9
Canada	3	3
GIPSA-IL	1	0
GIPSA-KC	9	0
Maryland	(4) 50	(1) 21
New York	14	(7) 17
NIST Force Group	8	2
North Carolina	10	7
Ohio	(2) 52	45
Oregon	0	0
NTEP Field	(1) 5	1
NTEP Administrator	104	64
Applications Not Yet Assigned to a Lab		3

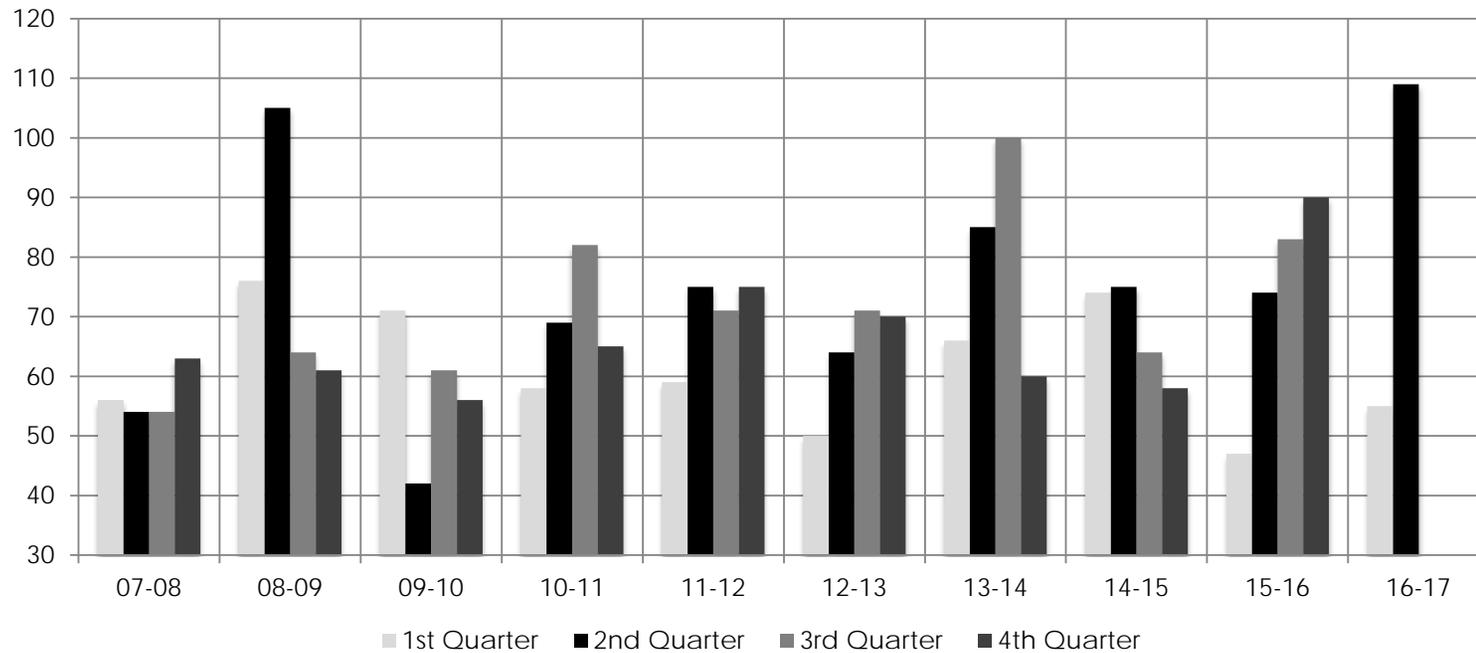
() = Reassignments from another lab

Process Statistics	10/2008 - Present
Average Time to Assign an Evaluation	4.6 Days
Average Time to Complete an Evaluation	85.7

Report on Evaluations in Progress

Evaluations in Progress	0-3 Months	3-6 Months	6-9 Months	9-12 Months	Over 1 Year	Total
March 31, 2012	36	12	14	12	18	92
June 30, 2013	53	18	6	6	19	102
September 30, 2013	44	32	5	4	21	106
December 31, 2013	41	25	24	2	24	116
March 31, 2014	53	23	13	17	11	117
June 30, 2014	55	30	14	8	19	126
September 30, 2014	44	38	18	6	19	125
December 31, 2014	44	17	17	12	16	106
March 31, 2015	43	24	10	13	17	107
June 30, 2015	39	21	12	5	15	92
September 18, 2015	28	20	8	5	12	73
December 23, 2015	43	14	5	7	13	82
March 31, 2016	48	15	7	6	8	84
June 30, 2016	57	13	7	3	7	87
September 30, 2016	60	31	9	5	7	112
December 22, 2016	34	30	21	6	9	100
March 31, 2017	54	15	8	15	8	100

In Progress by Lab	0-3 Months	3-6 Months	6-9 Months	9-12 Months	Over 1 Year	Total
California	6	2		2	1	11
Canada	3				1	4
GIPSA-IL					1	1
GIPSA-KC			1	8		9
Maryland	9	6	2	3	1	21
New York	11		3	1	1	16
NIST Force Group	2		1			3
North Carolina	5				1	6
Ohio	10	7			1	18
Oregon						
NTEP Staff	5		1	1	1	8
Unassigned	3					3
Total Pending:						100



	07-08	08-09	09-10	10-11	11-12	12-13	13-14	14-15	15-16	16-17
Oct – Dec	56	76	71	58	59	50	66	74	47	55
Jan – Mar	54	105	42	69	75	64	85	75	74	109
Apr – Jun	54	64	61	82	71	71	100	64	83	
Jul - Sep	63	61	56	65	75	70	60	58	90	
Total	227	306	230	274	280	255	311	271	294	164

Average Per Quarter: 10-YR: 68.7

Average Per Quarter This FY: 82

Appendix B
National Type Evaluation Program
Belt-Conveyor Scale (BCS) Sector Meeting Summary

February 26, 2015 / St. Louis, Missouri

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Appendix C

National Type Evaluation Program Grain Analyzer Sector Summary

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Appendix D

National Type Evaluation Program Measuring Sector Meeting Summary

September 15-16, 2015 / Denver, Colorado

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Appendix E

National Type Evaluation Program Software Sector Meeting Summary

September 16-17, 2015 / Denver, Colorado

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Appendix F

National Type Evaluation Program Weighing Sector Meeting Summary

August 25-26, 2015 / Denver, Colorado

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Appendix G

National Type Evaluation Program Multiple Dimension Measuring Devices Work Group Meeting Summary

May 12-17, 2015 / Reynoldsburg, OH

September 22-23, 2015 / Reynoldsburg, OH

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