

Dear Standards Working Group,

I would like to thank you for your attendance at our first Standards Working Group meeting which was held in July at the North American Chemical Residue Workshop (NACRW). At that meeting we identified many concerns regarding residue level reference materials including products containing a large number of pesticides prepared in a single solvent mix.

I would like to invite you to join us in a series of monthly conference calls intended to define reference material needs and what steps the Standards Working Group might take to improve the accessibility, use and reliability of trace level reference materials. Alex Krynitsky, akrynitsky@gmail.com and Pearse McCarron, pearsemccarron@gmail.com have agreed to co-chair this working group. Joe Konschnik, Joe.Konschnik@restek.com and Don Shelly, don.shelly@lgcgroup.com have agreed to participate as Science Advisors

Before the conference call, you can review information from our first meeting on the NACRW website at <https://nacrw.org/working-groups>. Near the bottom of the website page, you'll find copies of three presentations on reference materials as well as notes from the meeting.

Agenda:

1. Review of issues previously identified
2. Review of reference material terminology
3. Do we need a new working group name?
4. Proposal to develop a "Best Practices for Use of Pesticide Residue Reference Materials" document. (Videos, webinars, podcasts, paper...)
5. Brainstorm on next steps
6. NIST Food Safety Workshop
7. Don Shelly talking at AOAC 2019 – Reference Material stability
8. Volunteers to help write rules of engagement for the NACRW Working Groups.