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STANDARDS SECTION - SAF PROTECTION SUBCOMMITTEE - S4T

Unfortunately I will not be able to attend the June 25 meeting; however, here are my thoughts on S4T.

As we discussed recently, I'm firmly convinced that some revisions to S4T were not thoroughly researched and that some additional changes are in order.

On the former, we have:

- Inserted a formula in 7.3.3 that is suitable for use with the microscope used at Marshall Laboratory but not necessarily at other laboratories where samples are being read.
- Diluted the content of 4.5 away from Federal Regulations without pointing out that we have done so. In many instances we point out "more restrictive than OSHA", and the same should happen with less restrictive.

As for additional changes, we should consider taking sampling techniques out of the standard and refer everyone to Haskell for their initial contact. This will eliminate the layman's judging frequency and duration of sampling and similar decisions which most of us are ill-equipped to make. It became crystal clear that attendees at the recent "Dust Conference" ranged from 0 to 100 in competence to make these judgments.

I discussed this principle with Jim Morgan, and he agreed with the idea. Who has time to prepare the procedure at Haskell is, of course, another story.

We probably should get the sense of the committee on the overall approach before I attempt to draft specific revisions.

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