

Materials Characterisation Summary of the 2nd Accreditation Advisory Committee Meeting

Review of current membership and composition

The Committee discussed breadth of testing covered by the current membership and future requirements for additional expertise. The Committee recognised the need for expertise in the coal and coke testing, and agreed that expressions of interest should be sought.

Review of relevant Accreditation Criteria

The Criteria and Guidance documents applicable to Materials Characterisation were reviewed with no technical changes proposed.

Review of Scope of Accreditation Descriptors

The listing of Scope Descriptors for Materials and Manufactured Goods relevant to Materials Characterisation was reviewed by the committee, with no changes proposed. Technical assessor competency classification was also reviewed and several changes recommended.

Assessors

The Committee discussed Technical Assessor usage, identification of disciplines requiring recruitment, new appointments, retirements, training programs and needs.

Measurement Uncertainty

Application of MU in paint testing was discussed, and issues around measurement uncertainty associated with sampling were subject to extensive consideration. It was agreed that contributions to MU associated with sampling would be a useful topic for a technical assessor forum.

The next meeting is planned for early 2021.