

## **Summary of the 39<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Chemical Testing Accreditation Advisory Committee**

The meeting was held 4 August 2016 at NATA's Melbourne office. The following matters were discussed:

- Expressions of interest (EOI) will be sought for AAC membership for chemical metrology and fuels and lubricants by the end of 2016.
- CTAAC members were updated on the planned transition from the Chemical Testing Accreditation Advisory Committee to the Life Sciences Advisory Committee and the alignment with industry groups.
- The availability of a CRM for total recoverable hydrocarbons (TRH) developed by NMI from samples used in a TRH proficiency program to be communicated to NATA's accredited facilities by inclusion of information in NATA News and the NATA website.
- Concerns over the application of NATA Policy Circulars 11 and 12 were raised. CTAAC provided feedback on additional guidance being developed by NATA that will be provided to NATA staff, facilities and Technical Assessors from October 2016.
- NATA is finalising a review of NATA Technical Note 33 *Guidelines for estimating and reporting measurement uncertainty of chemical test results*. CTAAC also discussed the requirements for reporting MU, MU is seldom reported despite ISO/IEC 17025 mandating reporting under specific circumstances. NATA will undertake a review of the issues contributing to this with a view to identifying solutions.
- AS 4946 *Method for the qualitative identification of asbestos in bulk samples* is to be reviewed.
- A review of the Chemical Testing Application Document and Annexes will be undertaken. The criteria for open Scopes of Accreditation will be revised and updated to provide further guidance to facilities and Technical Assessors.