

## TECHNICAL COMMITTEE REPORTS

---

### Safety Committee

**ARGENTINA G. VINDIOLA, CHAIR**

Office of the Texas State Chemist, Texas A&M University,  
PO Drawer 3160, College Station, TX 77841-3160

**EUGENE CHECHIK**

Maryland Department of Agriculture, State Chemist  
Section, 100 Harry S. Truman Pkwy, Annapolis, MD  
21415

**MAIRE C. WALSH**

State Laboratory, Abbotstown, Dublin, 15, Ireland

**GEORGE F. PETERSON**

Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms, 35575  
Conovan Ln, Fremont, CA 94536

**SARA M. WILLIAMS**

Office of the Texas State Chemist, Texas A&M University,  
PO Drawer 3160, College Station, TX 77841-3160

**MARIA INÉS CERELJO**

Justesa Imagen Argentina S.A., Viamonte 1328 90 Piso,  
Capital Federal-Buenos Aires, A1052ACB, Argentina

**JULIE HENDERSON**

U.S. Food and Drug Administration, 1521 W. Pico Blvd,  
Los Angeles, CA 90015

**CHARLES (SKIP) A. WEISBERG**

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Environmental  
Science Center, 701 Mapes Rd, Fort George G. Meade,  
MD 20755-5350

Two positions are vacant.

### Committee Actions

The Safety Committee held its meeting on September 23, 2002, during the AOAC Annual Meeting in Los Angeles, CA. During that meeting, new members were introduced, the resignation of 2 members was discussed and possible qualified replacements as Safety Advisors for the Committee on Microbiology (H) and for the Committee on Environmental Quality (J) were suggested.

The main duties of the Safety Advisor was addressed, for example, making sure that the safety checklist is properly filled out and making recommendations as to any cautionary statements that should be included in the method for final publication in the *OMA*. Safety standards and procedures associated with laboratory accreditation was also reviewed. In addition, the necessity of adhering to the deadline for reviewing methods and not to slow the process was addressed. Safety Advisors who have a light load in their committees will be encouraged to assist other Safety Advisors.

The Committee "Terms of Reference" was discussed and the new policies were explained, specially any new policy involving new methods. The Committee will be encouraged to send articles to *Inside Laboratory Management* for publication.