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| **2020 SBO/SBEAP NSC Technical Subcommittee**  |
| **March 17, 2020****1 pm CST (2 pm EST)** |
| **Join from PC, Mac, Linux, iOS or Android:** <https://ksu.zoom.us/j/817351282>  |  **Or Telephone:**   +1 (646) 876-9923 or +1 (669) 900-6833**Meeting ID:** 817 351 282 # |
| **Minutes** |
| * **Roll Call**

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| **Future topics:** * **April 21:** Aqueous based cleaning, Steve Preece, Madison Chemicals
* **May:** No call due to Annual Training

**Next Call: April 21, 2020** 1 pm CST (2 pm EST) (3rd Tuesday of month) |
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