



Environmental Laboratory Advisory Committee (ELAC) Meeting Minutes: November 9th, 2017

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Administrative Business:

The meeting was called to order at 9:30am by ELAC Chair, Phil Worby (EMSL) in place of Dorothy Love, (Eurofins). Meeting minutes were taken by Nick Straccione (EMSL Analytical, Inc.), ELAC secretary.

The October 2017 ELAC Meeting Minutes were approved with a motion by Mark Feitelson (Precision) and seconded by Charles Anzolut (Agra).

Nominations for the Secretary and Chair positions took place for elections in December. Nick Straccione (EMSL) was nominated for Chair and Rose Koplin (Accred Analytical) was nominated for secretary.

Environmental Laboratory Certification Program (ELCP): Rachel Ellis (NJDEP-OQA) provided an update.

A listserv was sent out in regards to scope modifications. Future modifications must include all required documentation when the hardcopy application is submitted, included the fee. Supporting documentation may be submitted electronically to Rachel, such as DOC's MDL's PT results, etc., but cannot be sent at a later date. If a lab is dropping a method from its scope, that process will not change. Please just send an email to Rachel and she will drop the parameter from the scope.

Renewals are scheduled to be sent out February 1st. Labs must review the scope for accuracy. The old method revisions will be removed and only new methods will be listed. Labs will have until July 1st to comply with new methods. NJDEP is currently working on adding codes for the new methods.

The language from the proposal which has closed but not been finalized for the NJAC 8:26 Recreational Bathing can be found here: <http://www.nj.gov/health/ceohs/documents/phss/recbathing.pdf>

Questions on the certification program should be directed to Rachel Ellis at rachel.ellis@dep.nj.gov.

Proficiency Test (PT) Program: Rachel Ellis (NJDEP-OQA) provided an update.

The Wastewater (WP) makeup PT is due next Friday and a Solid Hazardous Waste (SHW) study is ongoing and due Dec. 22nd. The Drinking water letters went out ~ 2 weeks ago, please check parameter list for additions, specifically PFC's. Air letters went out Last Friday and no changes were listed. The WP letters are scheduled to be sent in January which includes changes that labs must review to be in compliance with 2 PT's by July 1, 2018.

Questions on the proficiency testing program should be directed to Rachel Ellis at rachel.ellis@dep.nj.gov.

The NELAC Institute (TNI): Rachel Ellis (NJDEP-OQA) provided an update.

The last module for the 2016 TNI standard was approved this week and is scheduled to be released by August 2018 at the Annual Conference.

Check the TNI website for additional information <http://www.nelac-institute.org/>.

Division of Water Supply/Safe Drinking Water: Linda Bonnette (NJDEP BSDW). No update

If any water system is on a schedule for LT2 reporting for e.coli enumeration only certain methods are approved. According to the regulation the 100ml bottle must be used in its entirety. No aliquots are to be taken, the 100ml must be filtered.

A question was raised about the new MCL for 1,2,3 trichloropropane (30ppt) regarding when it will be in effect for the Private Well Testing Act (PWTA). This will be a new method introduced to the PWTA list and will impact the cost. Linda Bonnette will review and

see if an implementation date has been decided upon. In addition Linda B. will also check if there have been any updates on the 5ppb MCL for perchlorates.

Laboratories would like to know if any guidance has been published for childcare centers. There has been confusion between the labs and Childcare centers on what is required. This regulation was implemented by the Department of Childcare and Family Services which Linda Bonnette will reach out to and see if any guidance can be released.

Questions on the Drinking Water Program may be emailed to Linda Bonnette (NJDEP-BSDW) at: linda.bonnette@dep.nj.gov

Site Remediation & Waste Management Program (SRWMP): Greg Toffoli (NJDEP-SRWMP) No update at this time.

Questions on the SRWMP program may be emailed to Greg Toffoli (NJDEP-SRWMP) at greg.toffoli@dep.nj.gov.

New Business: None at this time.

EDD Subcommittee Ken Liao and Roger Page (NJDEP-SRWMP-BIS).

No updates, continued background programming being done. This committee will be placed on hold for the time being until the NJDEP-SRWMP-BIS department notifies the ELAC committee of any changes.

Questions and comments may be directed to Ken Liao (NJDEP-SRWMP-BIS) at ken.liao@dep.nj.gov

Communications / OQA Website:

Nick Straccione (EMSL) reported that the NJDEP-OQA website was up to date with the approved minutes, ELAC bylaws, and 2017 calendar. If anyone notices anything missing from website please notify Rachel Ellis, NJDEP.

Meeting Schedule: The Meeting was adjourned with a motion by Mark Feitelson (Precision) and seconded by Charles Anzolut (Agra). The next scheduled ELAC Meeting will be held on **Thursday, January 11th, 2017 at 9:30AM**, at NJDEP, 401 East State Street, in **5th Floor Conference Room** in Trenton, New Jersey. **Those planning to attend must email the ELAC Secretary, Nick Straccione at: nstraccione@emsl.com by Friday, January 5th, 2017.**

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