



## Environmental Laboratory Advisory Committee (ELAC) DRAFT Meeting Minutes: December 11<sup>th</sup>, 2017

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### **Administrative Business:**

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

The November 2017 ELAC Meeting Minutes were approved with a motion by Heather Hall (SGS) and seconded by Rose Koplin (Accred. Analytical).

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

Renewals will be mailed by March 1<sup>st</sup>, payment will be due by April 1<sup>st</sup>. The ACPL must be checked line by line to verify the scope. All old methods will be removed, this includes the 600 series, Standard Methods and SW 846. Only new method versions will be listed on the new ACPLs.

For labs that hold both NJ and NY cert. the two accrediting bodies have come to an agreement that NY will honor NJDEP's plan to certify to the new methods by July 1<sup>st</sup> which is after NY's renewal date of April 1<sup>st</sup>. NY will allow for the 3 month buffer to NJ labs that will not have the new methods on their ACPL until July 1<sup>st</sup>.

The perfluorinated compounds have now been placed on some permits from Site remediation. Only 3 labs in the country have the certification in NJ and none are within the state of NJ. Some labs may have a User defined method on their scope but they are not eligible to report data to NJ. Please review their scope if you are subcontracting to these labs.

Questions on the certification program should be directed to Rachel Ellis at [rachel.ellis@dep.nj.gov](mailto:rachel.ellis@dep.nj.gov).

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

The SCM PT study is underway and due Dec 22<sup>nd</sup>. The DW study will be due on March and the Air study in April. The NPW letters will be sent after the holidays and be received by the end of January.

Questions on the proficiency testing program should be directed to Rachel Ellis at [rachel.ellis@dep.nj.gov](mailto:rachel.ellis@dep.nj.gov).

**The NELAC Institute (TNI):** Dorothy Love (Eurofins) provided an update.

The next meeting will be held in Albuquerque, New Mexico on Jan. 22<sup>nd</sup>. Registration is now open.

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

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. A representative from NJDEP working on the PWTA stated the new methods for PWTA have not been promulgated. The comment period ended in October and those are being reviewed. When they become effective clear instructions will be provided. For Public Water systems an estimated time frame for the new PFC's may be January 2019 if they are adopted in August 2018.

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

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

A questions was raised if NJDEP would accept methods SW 846 3511 and 3535a for 600 series and SW 846. It was commented that NJDEP SRP would accept the data if the lab obtains the certification and can meet the required MCL's.

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

**New Business:** Elections:

Nick Straccione (EMSL) was elected to Chair of ELAC with a motion from Harvey Klein (Garden State) and Seconded by Charles Anzolut (Agra).

Rose Koplin (Accred. Analytical) was elected to Secretary of ELAC with a motion from Charles Anzolut (Agra) and Seconded by Harvey Klein (Garden State).

**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.liaoi@dep.nj.gov](mailto:ken.liaoi@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. The calendar for 2018 will be posted soon.

**Meeting Schedule:** The Meeting was adjourned with a motion by Heather Hall (SGS) and seconded by Charles Anzolut (Agra). The next scheduled ELAC Meeting will be held on **Thursday, January 11<sup>th</sup>, 2018 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, Rose Koplin at: [rkoplin@accreditedanalytical.com](mailto:rkoplin@accreditedanalytical.com) by Friday, January 5<sup>th</sup>, 2018.**

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