



Environmental Laboratory Advisory Committee (ELAC) Meeting Minutes: February 8th, 2018

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Administrative Business:

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

The January 2018 ELAC Meeting Minutes were approved with a motion by Steve Reduker (IAL) and seconded by Charles Anzolut (Agra).

Environmental Laboratory Certification Program (ELCP): Marty Hackman (NJDEP-OQA) provided an update.

Renewals will be issued at the end of February with a due date of April 1, 2018 to return all required documentation and fees.

With the renewal all previous versions of SW-846 methods will be removed and only the most current version will be reflected on the ACPL. Can still use the previous versions up through June 30, 2018. As of the renewal being processed and the new ACPLs issued, starting July 1, 2018 only the most current version reflected on your ACPL will be offered. The ACPL must be checked line by line to verify the scope

The renewal will also have all MUR changes incorporated, meaning all the new versions of methods will be reflected and the old/retracted methods that were removed from the CFR will be removed from the renewal document. Starting July 1, 2018 only the most current versions reflected on your ACPL will be offered for certification. All methods removed from the CFR will be removed from certification offering, no exceptions. If you are an NJ NELAP secondary lab you will need to seek accreditation from your primary in order to be granted NJ secondary. If you do not have a primary scope of accreditation (or a letter from your primary stating they've granted the certification but have not yet been able to update their database) then you will be put into applied status until OQA has the required documentation that shows the methods have been granted by the primary.

Labs will be required to be in compliance with new MUR methods no later than Oct 1, 2018.

The MUR changes will be updated on the ACPL automatically and will not require documentation submittal. However, if you wish to seek accreditation for the new methods prior to July 1 then you will need to submit a modification application with all support documentation and modification fee in order to obtain the certification before July 1.

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

Proficiency Test (PT) Program: Marty Hackman (NJDEP-OQA) did not provide an update.

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

The NELAC Institute (TNI): Nick Straccione (EMSL Analytical, Inc.) provided an update.

The agreement they talked about will be based on the accreditations not the standard. There will be a guidance document issued with the changes to help eliminate questions.

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

For drinking water laboratories that will be contracted for or subcontracting cyanotoxin UCMR4 work in NJ, the start of cyanotoxin monitoring will be moved from March to May. Calls were made to most of the EPA approved labs for cyanotoxin testing to see if they would be able to expedite the analysis if at that time the water system had concern that there was a potential harmful algal bloom occurring for posting/notification of Do Not Use/Drink. The general answer from labs was that they would be able to accommodate the request but it would involve an expedited TAT charge of this inquiry

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:

NJ has promulgated the new bathing system requirements. New notification requirements for exceedences in NJAC 8:26.

There is a clarification of the notification requirements.

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 2018 calendar.

Meeting Schedule: The Meeting was adjourned with a motion by Charles Anzolut (Agra) and seconded by Steve Reduker (IAL). The next scheduled ELAC Meeting will be held on **Thursday, March 8th, 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 by Wednesday, February 21st, 2018.**

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