



Environmental Laboratory Advisory Committee (ELAC) Meeting Minutes: April 12th, 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 Koplun (Accredited Analytical Resources, Inc.), ELAC secretary.

The January 2018 ELAC Meeting Minutes were approved with a motion by Heather Hall (SGS) and seconded by Steve Reduker (IAL).

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

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. Do not cross off the new methods on the renewal. Do not cross code NJ NELAP secondary to an old method, they will be removed. The ACPL must be checked line by line to verify the scope

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.

Data miner will not be updated until the end of the first week of July if you are looking to sub contract work.

If you receive a second notice about payment for the renewal and you sent in the payment, please see if your check was cashed prior to calling. It can take up to a week before the check is put into the system and if you sent the check to OQA, it could be delayed longer.

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.

NPW PT's are due to OQA by May 11. Be aware there is a 48 hr lag time before OQA receives the study from the provider.

Soil Pt's are due June 22.

SDW Intent to Suspend letters went out Last week (April 2-6 approx) and Air letters will go out next week.

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.

Changes to be noted on the FoPT tables, if you fail PT isomer study twice you will lose all PCB certification. For example, you fail PCB 1232 and in the next study fail PCB 1260, you will lose all PCB certification.

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

Division of Water Supply & Geoscience/Safe Drinking Water: Linda Bonnette (NJDEP BSDW).

L. Bonnette spoke about the upcoming cyanotoxin monitoring that will be required with the UCMR4 program. Seven water systems serving surface water with a population over 10,000 will be required to sample their finished water this May.

The effective date for PFNA and 123 TCP regulations will be 180 days after the date of adoption.

Currently only twelve (12) labs are certified for the analysis of PFNA. Labs that have contracts with water systems should prepare for the monitoring which will be quarterly and required at each point of entry to the distribution system. Field blanks will be required to be collected. Currently the NJ Department of Health Laboratory is the only laboratory located in NJ with this certification.

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): Amy Bowman (NJDEP-SRWMP)

The UHOT rules, tech rule and ARCS rule were published July 2017 and are anticipated to be adopted August 2018.

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 are not many labs certified for E. Coli. This needs to be done by a modification. It cannot be done with renewal since they will not be looked at until July.

Eileen Snyder (Alpha Analytical) provided the following link to the SRAG meeting :

March 14, 2018 CVP/SRAG-SRWMP meeting. The meeting materials are now available at www.nj.gov/dep/srp/srra/stakeholder/cvp_srag/.

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

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 Heather Hall (SGS). The next scheduled ELAC Meeting will be held on **Thursday, May 10th, 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, April 26th , 2018.**

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