



Environmental Laboratory Advisory Committee (ELAC) DRAFT-Meeting Minutes: May 11th, 2017

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Administrative Business:

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

The March 2017 ELAC Meeting Minutes were approved with a motion by Rose Koplin (Accred. Analytical) and seconded by Charles Hartke (SGS).

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

Renewals are scheduled to be sent during the first 2 weeks of June. Any applications received after the deadline will be processed as soon as NJDEP OQA can work on them.

For clarification purposes any new additions related to new methods, ie 6010D, 6020B, etc., will be added to the ACPL's in the same status the laboratory already has on their current ACPL, ie if the lab is certified for 6010C then they will be certified for 6010D if they are applied for 6020A then they will be applied for 6020B etc. Labs will have one year to come into compliance for those methods. In 2018 the older versions will be removed from all scopes. For secondary accredited laboratories, if your primary AB will not certify for the new methods than you will not be able to perform work for NJ. NJ will only accept the new versions of the methods once the change has been made.

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 WP study is due May 12th and soils by June 23rd. Letters for DW went out April 11th for failures and the makeup is due after to be analyzed after July 1st. To clarify, any labs with EPA 537 or another USER defined method certification for PFOA and PFOS need to analyze a PE. There are two providers for PFOA/PFOS PT's.

For NELAP labs 2 new fields for FoPT's were posted yesterday. There are a few minor changes and labs will have one year for compliance.

When reporting PT's the appropriate method must be selected. For example, most of the standard methods need to be the -11 version, with the exception of the SQAR methods and a few others.

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

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

The next meeting will be held in August in Washington D.C and registration is now open. The goal is to have the new TNI standard completed by the meeting.

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 in regards to which bottles should be used for lead testing in Childcare facilities.

The correct sample bottle size for childcares served by community water systems is 250 ml.

The end user of the data for the child care centers is neither the Board of Education nor the NJDEP. The data must be provided to the Department of Children and Families, Office of Childcare Licensing (DCF-OOL) by the child care center. This is a new regulation found at: http://nj-cca.org/images/17_CCM_NJ_Register_FINAL.pdf.

Note that the new DCF-OOL lead and copper sampling requirements are applicable to child care centers that are served by a community water systems. There are no lead and copper sampling changes for child care centers that are served by a potable well on the property.

The NJDEP recently agreed to assist DCF-OOL with guidance on implementing the new sampling requirement for those centers served by community water systems. Guidance material is presently under review and will be posted on NJDEP website in the near future at http://www.nj.gov/dep/watersupply/pw_child.html.

In the meantime here are answers to commonly asked questions:

1. What sample bottle size? **250 ml.**
2. How many hours stagnant time? **The minimum stagnation time is 8 hours and the maximum stagnation time is 48 hours.**
3. Does the child care need to do a QAPP? **Yes. A template will be posted on our website shortly. The information will mimic the BOE QAPP.**
4. Do gloves need to be worn? **Yes.**
5. Is a field blank needed? **Yes.**
6. Where do results get submitted? **The child care center is responsible for providing documentation to their DCF-OOL Inspector (the data does NOT get submitted to NJDEP).**

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)

The UHOT, HOT update to regulations are currently being reviewed in the Governor's office. The goal is to have them released in the Spring or Summer. Adoption is scheduled for the Summer of 2018.

The remediation standards have been delayed and it is unlikely they will be proposed in the near future.

A question was brought to Greg T's attention asking what criteria should be used for concrete matrix, particularly for PCB's. Since DKQP was not written for concrete, or other non-soil matrices, Labs would like to know what criteria for QA/QC should be used. Greg T. will look into this and get back to the ELAC committee.

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

New Business:

No new business discussed.

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

No update at this time.

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

Communications / OQA Website:

ELAC Chair, Dorothy Love (Eurofins) reported that the NJDEP-OQA website was up to date with the approved minutes, ELAC bylaws, and 2017 calendar.

Meeting Schedule: The Meeting was adjourned with a motion by Mark Feitelson (Precision), and seconded by Charles Hartke (SGS). The next scheduled ELAC Meeting will be held on **Thursday, June 8th, 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: nicholas.straccione@sgs.com by Friday, June 2nd, 2017.**

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