



Environmental Laboratory Advisory Committee (ELAC) Meeting Minutes: July 13th, 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 (EMSL Analytical, Inc.), ELAC secretary.

The June 2017 ELAC Meeting Minutes were approved with a motion by Eileen Synder (Alpha) and seconded by Steve Reduker (IAL).

Notes: No meeting will be held in August, next meeting will be September 14th, 2017.

Nominations for the Secretary and Chair positions are to take place in November and elections in December. Any interested parties should contact Dorothy Love or Nick Straccione

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

All renewals have been sent to laboratories. Some labs have been removed who did not renew. Renewals are now closed and effective. Any changes at this point will require a modification fee. If your facility uses a laboratory please check their certificate and ACPL to verify they still hold accreditation.

Some methods were unfortunately missed. For example, SW 846 7000 series metals, such as SW 7420, are no longer available in SW 846 Update V. All methods under SW 846 7000 series will be revised to SW 846 7000B. In addition some methods will be added, and example is 524.4. This process should be completed by late August, beginning of September.

Some clarification on methods was implemented. Ignitibility SW 1010A and Total Organic Carbon (TOC) SW 9060A are no longer approved methods to report NJ data in NPW. For TOC, Lloyd Kahn should be used for soils.

NJDEP has recently received a high volume of requests to certify perfluorinated compounds (PFC's) in NPW and SCM matrix. Any methods developed other than EPA 537 or 537 Modified will require a \$600 reviewal fee. Also, PT's for PFC's will be available later this year and will include 12 compounds. MCL's for PFC's are currently being worked on.

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

Drinking water and air makeup studies are in process now. SCM makeup study has closed and letters went out last week.

If you receive a letter to Suspend from NJDEP please read it thoroughly prior to calling the office.

For the upcoming October Study please read the letter, additions to the Field of Testing (FoT) will be included, some examples are: dioxins and furans, low-level PAH's for SIM, and PFC's. A 1,4 Dioxane PT is being worked on and will be coming soon.

For NELAC labs, you are responsible to pass 2 out of 3 for all NELAC FoT even if not required by NJ.

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

The NELAC Institute (TNI): Deb Waller (NJDEP OQA) provided an update.

The next meeting will be held in August in Washington D.C and early registration will be closing soon.

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 proposed from Charles Anzolut regarding the guidance on the lead and copper first draw forms and the response from the BSDW is listed below:

The Lead and Copper Sample Site Change Form (BSDW-56)- is to be used when notifying the State of a change in sampling site location from one monitoring period to the next monitoring period. If a system has an approved Pb Cu Sample Location Spreadsheet (**BWSE-18**) which is representative of the sampling pool and the new site is not currently listed on the approved **BWSE-18** spreadsheet than a **BSDW-56** form is required to be submitted to the State.

Example... If the system has two sites listed on the **BSDW-56** for a change of sample site location but both sites are on the approved (**BWSE-18**) spreadsheet then just a BSDW-56 form would need to be submitted to the State and not a **BWSE-15** form because the sites are already in the approved sampling pool.

So whenever there is a change of sample site location by a system and the new site has not been approved by the State on the **BSWE-18** then the system must submit a Lead and Copper Sample Site Certification (**BWSE-15**) with the (**BSDW-56**).

The Lead and Copper Sample Site Certification (BSWE-15)- is a document submitted to the State certifying the sites from the last monitoring period indicating the Tier and sample category with additional information describing the resources used to evaluate the Tier and sample category of a sampling site.

The Certification Form- Consumer Notice of Lead Tap Water Monitoring Results (BSDW-54)- every monitoring a system is required to send out Lead Consumer Notices to the customers participating in the sampling event. So after the system sends out all the notices to the customers, the **BSDW-54** is to be submitted within 3 months following the end of the monitoring period to the State with one copy of a Lead Consumer Notice Letter the system sent out to the Customers participating in the sampling event. The BSDW-54 is used as confirmation that the system provided all the customers who participated in the sampling event with their Lead and Copper results.

The Child Care document is almost finalized, the BSDW is providing assistance to the DCF, giving them feedback and comments which should hopefully be reviewed by the end of this week or next. When the document is finalized it will not be posted on our site but will be on the DCF site who owns the document.

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)

A question was raised to Greg T. regarding how PFC's should be handled for remediation sites. Greg's response was that there is no change how PFC's should be handled as opposed to any other compound. If you suspect that the PFC's are present then they should be tested.

The TCLP/SPLP volatile hold time topic was discussed again and agreed that samples are to be sampled per 5035a guidelines. All samples requiring volatiles for TCLP/SPLP are to be leached within 48 hours of collection. There is no other alternative at this point.

The Rule Amendments, UHoT, HoT, ae scheduled to be posted on July 17th in the NJ register. At this time the Site Remediation standards are on hold.

A question was raised about how to report TICS, and if Alkane TICS should be separated out during Rulemaking. Greg T. recommends that the TICS are not separated out, report 15 TICS and comment that the TICS are petroleum based for the SRP based on the new regulations proposed.

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

New Business:

Recently the Department of Education held a meeting on May 3rd to discuss lead testing. It would be helpful to reach out to them to inform them of ELAC and create open communication.

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:

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

On NJDEP's OQA website was updated with new PT tables set for 2018.

Meeting Schedule: The Meeting was adjourned with a motion by Charles Anzolut (Agra) and seconded by Mark Feitelson (Precision). The next scheduled ELAC Meeting will be held on **Thursday, September 14th, 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, September 8th, 2017.**

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