



Environmental Laboratory Advisory Committee (ELAC) DRAFT Meeting Minutes: January 11th, 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 December 2017 ELAC Meeting Minutes were approved with a motion by Steve Ruduker (IAL) and seconded by Heather Hall (SGS).

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

Renewals will be mailed by March 1st. 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. Compliance with the SW-846 updates is July 1, 2018. Compliance for the EPA 600 methods is January 1, 2019. The ACPL must be checked line by line to verify the scope

For labs that hold both NJ and Fla cert., Fla will honor NJDEP's plan to certify to the new methods by July 1st. OQA is working with other AB's to address the changeover to the new methods on their ACPL until July 1st.

The perfluorinated compounds have now been added. There are no labs that have certifications for NPW **located** in NJ and the DOH has certification for SDW.

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 DW and Air studies are underway will be due in March and the Air study in April. The NPW letters will be sent out shortly and the SCM letters for NELAC laboratories that failed the October study are delayed.

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 next meeting will be held in Albuquerque, New Mexico on Jan. 22nd. Registration is now closed.

New Standard potentially coming out in August. Oklahoma has applied to become a new AB and will hopefully have approval by the summer meeting. It was recommended to attend the Assessment meetings, it will have information concerning California coming back as an AB.

Dorothy Love (Eurofins) mentioned that a discussion will be held concerning technical director qualifications.

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) in the December ELAC meeting. The effective date will be 180 days after adoption. There is no date set yet for adoption.

A question had been asked about the Cu/Pb rule for DCF. The labs should have received an email 11/9/2017 from Gunoskey with the updated E2 Quick Reference guide and the link to the Crosswalk for Lead Sampling in Schools and Child Care Centers. Several labs responded they didn't receive the email, Linda asked for the list of emails and she would send it out.

Charles Anzolut (Agra) mentioned he attended the stakeholder meeting for the PFOA compounds. It was discussed that there is one (1) EPA method and several proprietary methods which have varying sampling procedures and volumes. It was asked if the DEP would be setting a sample volume.

Linda stated that since the PFAA are not federally regulated at this time, a method not approved by EPA may be used.

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.

Rachel Ellis asked the labs if anyone had information about Fluorodone.

A question was also raised about the PQL for hexavalent chromium changing to 1 ppm. DEP will look into and provide an update.

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

New Business: SRAG meeting

Eileen Snyder (Alpha Analytical) attended the SRAG meeting on behalf of ELAC. The link to the committee webpage is provided below. All minutes to their meetings are located here.

http://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.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 Steve Rudeker (IAL) and seconded by Charles Anzolut (Agra). The next scheduled ELAC Meeting will be held on **Thursday, February 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, Rose Koplin at: rkoplin@accreditedanalytical.com by Friday, February 2nd, 2017.**

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