



Environmental Laboratory Advisory Committee (ELAC) Meeting Minutes May 10th, 2018

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Administrative Business:

The meeting was called to order at 9:30am by former ELAC Chair, Eileen Snyder (Alpha Analytical,). Meeting minutes were taken by Rose Koplun (Accredited Analytical Resources, Inc.), ELAC secretary.

The April 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) not present to provide an update.

A question was asked if a new or better procedure could be put in place to obtain certification for the user defined methods. It was stated it currently is a long and confusing process to get through. It was asked how to add a long list of analytes and to get clarification if special analytes are required. How do you get certification in other matrices certified for a parameter if only offered in one matrix/method? For example, PFNA are currently only in SDW category how would you get certified for NPW?

The process will not be changed. If a lab wants to have a user defined method then NJ will need to review all documentation to verify that the method meets the end user requirements. Any analytes not on the Part III will only be added by program request. We are not adding any analytes that are not required by a New Jersey Program under any circumstances. The PFNAs are currently offered in NPW and SCM and have been since 2017; however, there are no current approved methods for this analysis so they are only offered under the user defined options until approved methods are obtained. You must apply for each matrix separately as there are different requirements for each matrix.

The requirement for approval is in NJAC 7:18 2.20 and the list of required documents is located on OQA's website.

How does NJDEP-OQA want labs to proceed regarding the screen for 2,3,7,8-TCDD under the MUR for new Method 625.1? The new method allows for a screen by SIM; does NJDEP allow for a screen by full scan as an option? Or does NJDEP prefer that labs use HRMS 1613 to report 2,3,7,8-TCDD?

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) was not present to provide 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.

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.) was not present to provide an update.

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 stated that seven water systems with a population over 10,000 and serving surface water will be required to start their four month biweekly cyanotoxin sampling this May. Four months of bi-weekly sampling is required (8 total).

The Bureau of Safe Drinking Water developed an SOP for the invalidation of positive total coliform results. Positive total coliform results can only be invalidated by the DEP Bureau of Safe Drinking Water. The SOP which was developed for the BSDW's evaluation of RTCR invalidation requests from laboratories was submitted to the EPA as part of the RTCR primacy requirements. Once the SOP is finalized, the checklists that the BSDW will require as part of an invalidation request will be sent to the drinking water certified

laboratories. It was asked if the SOP can be posted on the website for labs who subcontract the work to be aware of the procedure. Linda will ask if it can be posted.

PFOA and PFOS will eventually be proposed. The EPA Method 537 includes information on how field blanks should be handled. A request was made to create a general sampling protocol for PFCs for analysis in drinking water.

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)

There are no updates at this time.

It was asked if the Field Sampling Manual is being updated. Amy confirmed that it was.

It was asked if there was an update on the significant figures and proposed rounding rules, there is 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 exceedances 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 :

April 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:

Rose Koplin (AAR) reported that the NJDEP-OQA website was being updated with the approved minutes, ELAC bylaws, updated forms.

- It has been brought to our attention the amount of spaces requested is too many for the visitor lot. Since we are requesting spots for people that may respond then do not show we are not going to be able to get visitor lot parking as DEP will not continue to hold spots for no shows. We will only be requesting parking for people who attend the meeting in order to have a better chance to get parking in the Visitor's lot. In other words, if you don't respond by the two week deadline you are going to attend, the spaces will no longer be held for you. If you respond to attend after the two week cutoff, you will have to find alternate parking arrangements.

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, June 14th, 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, May 30th , 2018.**

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