



Environmental Laboratory Advisory Committee (ELAC) Meeting Minutes January 9th, 2020

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Administrative Business:

The meeting was called to order at 9:30am by ELAC Chair, Rose Koplin (Accredited Analytical Resources, Inc.), Meeting minutes were taken by Ariel Gieda (New Jersey Analytical), ELAC secretary.

The November 2019 ELAC Meeting Minutes were approved with a motion by Eileen Snyder (Alpha) and seconded by Sean Berls(HCV).

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

Part III is being updated. Method 8260C will become 8260D and Method 8270D will become 8270E effective July 1, 2020 with a compliance date of October 1, 2020.

The 2019 MUR was proposed for part 136, be aware of upcoming changes.

New parameter codes should be expected in the next renewal. For example, tests will be grouped by technology or method such as ICP metals. OQA is trying to get rid of user defined methods.

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

Rule Amendment: Debra Waller (NJDEP-OQA) provided an update.

The stakeholder meeting is January 17th, 2020. The invitations will be going out via email. Be sure to respond space is limited. **Only one rep from each lab or organization can attend. If the invited person cannot come, then they can delegate another person to attend. The person that is actually coming to the meeting is the one that has to be on the attendance list.** Please make sure to respond early so if there is available room others may be invited.

Proficiency Test (PT) Program: Rachel Ellis (NJDEP-OQA) provided an update.

Solid study letters went out last week. Make ups are due June 12th 2020. Drinking water studies are due March 6th 2020. Air PTs are due March 20th, 2020.

Every study has additional parameters for NJ. Be sure to check the lists. TNI is voting on the FoPT tables so be aware there are changes forthcoming.

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

The NELAC Institute (TNI):

January 31, 2020 the 2016 TNI standard becomes effective. All SOP updates must be effective as of February 1, 2020.

States who have not been able to update will maintain certification, however document reviews will be conducted to verify compliance. Labs will be downgraded immediately until compliance can be verified.

Meeting is in early February, early registration is currently open until January 10th, 2020. It is focusing on the implementation of the new standard.

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

Division of Water Supply/Safe Drinking Water: Alaina Ungorini (NJDEP - BSDW) provided an update.

Questions were raised about batch QC and outliers (qualified data) when reporting PFAS compounds to E2. There should be no qualified data entered into E2 – the samples should be recollected.

Questions were raised about logistics for resampling a qualified PFAS sample location without getting a violation. The laboratories are not responsible for making decisions on compliance. The laboratories are only to indicate results. Possible solution is to sample earlier in the monitoring period to avoid resampling outside of the monitoring period.

Questions were raised about ground rules for notification on problematic PFAS samples. The laboratories should email BSDW to involve the department on problematic samples.

Questions were raised about non regulated PFAS compound results. If there are high results for any PFAS other than the three regulated compounds, those results can be reported to the client but NOT to E2.

Questions on the Drinking Water Program may be emailed to Linda Doughty (NJDEP-BSDW) at: linda.doughty@dep.nj.gov
And cc Michele Potter. For bacteria questions, cc Debra Waller.

Site Remediation & Waste Management Program (SRWMP): Amy Bowman(NJDEP-SRWMP)

Questions were raised about rounding rules when comparing results to standards. A list serve SRP from November/December says no rounding because there is no protocol for site remediation. Deliberations are starting in January, but there is no intended changes for laboratories. LSRP's will be responsible to assess comparison of the standards to the results.

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

New Business:

Will PFO compounds for wastewater discharge components be added?

How do laboratories handle surcharges for industry users based on BOD with high blank dilutions. Companies do not want to pay surcharge on qualified data.

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:

All minutes will be posted as soon as possible.

Meeting Schedule: The Meeting was adjourned with a motion by Eileen Snyder (Alpha) and seconded by Charles Anzoult (AGRA). The next scheduled ELAC Meeting will be held on **March 12th, 2020 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, Ariel Gieda at: ariel@njal.com by Wednesday, February 26 , 2019.**

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