



## Environmental Laboratory Advisory Committee (ELAC) Meeting Minutes February 13<sup>th</sup>, 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 Steve Witkowski (New Jersey Analytical) for 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 Mark Feitelson (Precision).

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

Lauren Strazzari is a new hire to help Rachel Ellis.

Renewals mailed out on March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020 and due back April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020. 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.

Updates are going through – both methods will be listed on the renewals, but old methods will be removed. The MUR will not be in place for next years renewal.

PFAS being added to part three for EPA 537.

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.

Questions on the certification program should be directed to Rachel Ellis at [rachel.ellis@dep.nj.gov](mailto:rachel.ellis@dep.nj.gov).

### **Rule Amendment:**

Rule amendments that are being proposed are scheduled to be finalized in draft on or after April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020. All comments must be sent to the OQA by March 30<sup>th</sup>, 2020. Please list citations (language and justification) of what you want changed to [OQA@dep.nj.gov](mailto:OQA@dep.nj.gov).

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

Drinking water PT's are due back March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2020. Air PT's are due back March 20<sup>th</sup>, 2020. SCM PT's are to be analyzed after April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020 and due June 12<sup>th</sup>, 2020. NPW are to be analyzed after March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020 and due May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020.

TNI tables will be changing. Look for changes. New Jersey is putting a request in for air PT's.

New time frames for make up PT's to be accepted by OQA. Must be run 7 days apart, but cannot be more than 7 months apart.

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

California adopting 2016 TNI standard but not joining TNI. Going to a third party assessor.

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

**Division of Water Supply/Safe Drinking Water:** Kelly Moscia (NJDEP - BSDW) provided an update.

Linda Bonette has retired and the position has not yet been filled.

Questions were raised asking for clarification from the DEP on some of the provisions of the new boil water regs: Specifically, about how this impacts laboratories reporting applicable exceedances, etc. to a system. There is no specific reference to labs reporting to municipalities, so I would assume the current requirements are unchanged.

The bill does not apply to laboratories – only to the municipalities. They must act within 1 hour of notification from the laboratory.

Questions were raised about 524 Trip blanks: What if the client does not provide a trip blank? (Reference old minutes) The results must be non conformed (not qualified) and trip blanks are required - even if there are no hits on the sample.

Questions on the Drinking Water Program may be emailed to Linda Doughty (NJDEP-BSDW) at: [linda.doughty@dep.nj.gov](mailto: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 what is needed for the MDL study for full site remediation packages.

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

**New Business:**

PFNA will be added to the PWTA. Rule to be approved in April. There will be an 18 month delay before it is a requirement.

Governor changing the lead and copper rule to every 3 years for schools . This will be changing on the action level.

**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](mailto: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 Nick Straccione (EMSL) and seconded by Charles Anzoult (AGRA). The next scheduled ELAC Meeting will be held on **April 2<sup>nd</sup>, 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](mailto:ariel@njal.com) by Wednesday, February 26 , 2019.**

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