



## Environmental Laboratory Advisory Committee (ELAC) Meeting Minutes June 11<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 Ariel Gieda (New Jersey Analytical), ELAC secretary. This meeting was held via skype.

The May ELAC Meeting Minutes were approved with a motion by Nick Straccione (EMSL) and seconded by Eileen Snyder (Alpha).

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

The NJDEP is currently working remotely as well as shift staggering in the office. The main phone line is still open and can handle any calls. The best way to contact the auditors is their email. If you leave a voicemail it might not be forwarded.

Renewals were due back by April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020. If renewal payment and documentation was submitted by April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020 then July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020 all labs will have their certifications. Renewals are being mailed out next week. Please review and notify the DEP of any changes. Any changes brought to the DEP after July 30<sup>th</sup>, 2020 will require modification.

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 new order will be Method →Technique →Analyte.

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.

Remote blue book laboratory audits are currently being conducted using Skype or Microsoft Teams - the DEP cannot run Zoom. The remote audit covers for actual onsite 2020 audits. Overdue labs will be first on the priority list. SOPs, raw data, PT results, standard prep logs, etc. will be requested for review before the virtual audit. The DEP is still working out issues and working with laboratories with personnel and Wi-Fi limitations. Currently TNI Laboratory audits are on hold.

Labs applying for new technology or new certifications will not be granted remotely. The DEP will wait until they can come on site.

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:**

There was no update at this time.

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

Solid study is currently going on and closes on June 12<sup>th</sup>, 2020. Asbestos PT is due April 2020. Drinking water and Air make up PTs will be in July 2020 and Solid Chemical make ups will be in October 2020.

NELAC/Blue book labs can submit the September study if the current study cannot be completed due to the Covid 19 pandemic.

New York certified laboratories required to submit PTs since the state (provider) is currently back to work.

For the 2016 Standard the PT time range runs from close of study date to the next close of study date. TNI Labs use the old standard, which uses the analysis date.

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

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):**

TNI has cancelled its Forum on Environmental Accreditation, scheduled for August 3-6 in Minneapolis, MN, as part of the 2020 Environmental Measurement Symposium due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The National Environmental Monitoring Conference (NEMC) portion of the Symposium will continue as a virtual event. For more details, go to <https://nemc.us>. Some TNI committees may decide to hold virtual public meetings in late July or early August to solicit feedback on various issues that are underway. Monthly TNI teleconference calls will continue as normal.

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

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

On June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020 the MCLs for PFOA and PFOS were set. PFOA = 14 ppt and PFOS = 13 ppt. The PWTA will require PFOS and PFOA starting on December 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021.

New Jersey is currently working on their own lead and copper rule. There will be a stakeholder meeting in the near future. Email Kelly Meccia with any questions. [Kelley.Meccia@dep.nj.gov](mailto:Kelley.Meccia@dep.nj.gov)

For the Covid 19 Pandemic – regulations at this time are not being modified. Check the website for the latest updates on monitoring systems and PWS.

Questions on the Drinking Water Program may be emailed to Kelly Meccia [Kelley.Meccia@dep.nj.gov](mailto:Kelley.Meccia@dep.nj.gov) or Joanna Caporossi [joanna.caporossi@dep.nj.gov](mailto:joanna.caporossi@dep.nj.gov)

**Site Remediation & Waste Management Program (SRWMP):** Amy Bowman (NJDEP-SR) provided an update.

N.J.A.C. 7:26D, Remediation Standards were published on April 6<sup>th</sup>, 2020. An extended comment period is open until August 5<sup>th</sup>, 2020. The office has one year to respond to comments and pass the rule. Further information can be found at <https://www.nj.gov/dep/rules/>.

A public meeting for remediation of standards will be held on Microsoft Teams on July 21<sup>st</sup>, 2020. New Jersey register posted on July 6<sup>th</sup>.

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:**

Comments and questions were raised about the EPA perchlorate levels not being regulated and if the DEP is planning on doing anything about the limits.

Make sure your laboratory is on the new List Serve email list.

### **EDD Subcommittee**

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 ELAC Minutes and forms are up to date on the website.**

**Meeting Schedule:** The Meeting was adjourned with a motion by Eileen Snyder (Alpha) and seconded by Charles Anzolut (Agra) . The next scheduled ELAC Meeting on **July 9<sup>th</sup>, 2020**, is cancelled due to the NJDEP furlough. Reminder there is NO MEETING in August. The next scheduled meeting is for September 10<sup>th</sup>, 2020 via Skype. Please email Ariel Gieda at [ariel@njal.com](mailto:ariel@njal.com) by Tuesday September 8, 2020 to be receive the skype link.

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