



Environmental Laboratory Advisory Committee (ELAC) Final Meeting Minutes October 8, 2020

Note: Information communicated in these minutes is not to be used as official New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection policy or as an official Department notification. Contact NJDEP officials directly for official information regarding matters communicated in these minutes.

Administrative Business:

The meeting was called to order at 9:31am by ELAC Chair, Rose Koplin (Accredited Analytical Resources, Inc.), Meeting minutes were taken by Steve Witkowski (New Jersey Analytical), Acting ELAC secretary. This meeting was held via Microsoft Teams.

The September ELAC Meeting Minutes were approved with a motion by Eileen Snyder (Alpha) and seconded by Paul Maide (APT).

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.

Any modifications are being processed once a week. Laboratories are asked to send in modifications as a package for efficiency.

Announcement letters have gone out to all laboratories that already have SCM PCB certification by SW-846 8082A via mail and email about adding PCBs in Oil to the SCM category via SW-846 8082A. Laboratories wishing to add the lines to their ACPL's must submit a modification request by December 23, 2020. The OQA will waive the modification fee for these analytes until December 23, 2020 for all laboratories that received this letter. Laboratories will have to obtain certification for the waste dilution prep method (SW-846 3580A also if they do not already hold this certification.

Clarification was requested for the certification line status if isotope dilution requires

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

Rule Amendment:

The new NJAC 7:18 laboratory certification rule is still in review.

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

NPW study is currently going on and results are due November 6, 2020. SCM initial study will be in October 2020 and letters are currently out. The SCM letters were missing the attachments and they have been emailed to the laboratories. Drinking water letters will be going out in November for the January 2021 study.

Laboratories are reminded that even though PT studies can be 7 days apart under the 2016 TNI standard, studies must be no more than 7 months apart.

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

The NELAC Institute (TNI):

The TNI winter meeting scheduled for January 25-29, 2021 will be virtual.

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

Division of Water Supply/Safe Drinking Water:

There are plans for updates to the NJ MCLs.

Questions on the Drinking Water Program may be emailed to Kelly Meccia Kelley.Meccia@dep.nj.gov or Joanna Caporossi joanna.caporossi@dep.nj.gov

Site Remediation & Waste Management Program (SRWMP):

The remediation standards are currently in the response to comment period.

A PFAS in soil method is expected to be available from the EPA in early 2021.

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

New Business:

It is anticipated that ELAC meetings will be virtual for the foreseeable future.

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

Communications / OQA Website:

No Update

Meeting Schedule: The Meeting was adjourned at 9:45 am with a motion by Eileen Snyder (Alpha) and seconded by Paul Maide (APT). The next scheduled ELAC Meeting will be held on **November 12, 2020 at 9:30am**, via Microsoft Teams. **Those planning to attend must email the ELAC Chair or acting secretary.**

Note: *All visitors must show one form of photo identification, or two non-photo IDs, when signing in at the NJDEP main lobby in the Trenton, New Jersey complex (401, 501, 440 and 428 E. State Street buildings). All visitors should be prepared to verify their identification. **Visitors must be escorted at all times by a NJDEP representative when in the building.***