



## Environmental Laboratory Advisory Committee (ELAC) FINAL Meeting Minutes January 14, 2021

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### **Administrative Business:**

The meeting was called to order at 9:34am by ELAC Chair, Rose Koplin (Accredited Analytical Resources, Inc.), Meeting minutes were taken by Steve Witkowski (New Jersey Analytical), ELAC secretary. This meeting was held via Microsoft Teams.

The November ELAC Meeting Minutes were approved with a motion by Olga Azarian (SGS) 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.

Lab renewals are expected to be out on time at the end of February. Look for updates to methods, especially the SW-846 methods.

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:** Rachel Ellis (NJDEP-OQA) provided an update.

The new NJAC 7:18 laboratory certification rule is in review and will be over to legal shortly.

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

January DW and Air studies are open with results due to OQA by 3/5/2021 (DW) 3/19/2021 (Air).

NPW letters will be out shortly with SCM letters out in February with results due to OQA by 6/11/2021.

PT study dates are on the OQA website.

TNI Labs are reminded that PCB in oil is part of the TNI FoPT.

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):**

The meeting dates for the January conference have been changed, see the TNI website for details. It is anticipated that the webinars will be recorded for later viewing.

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

### **Division of Water Supply/Safe Drinking Water:**

EPA 533 is acceptable for submission to E-2 for PFAS.

Eileen Snyder (Alpha) asked if BSDW can send a communication on appropriate and acceptable methods for the analysis of PFAS in different situations (EPA 533 vs EPA 537.1)

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):**

The remediation standards response to comments period is closed and is now in legal review.

Vapor intrusion technical guidance to be issued soon.

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:**

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](mailto:ken.liao@dep.nj.gov)

**Communications / OQA Website:**

The OQA Website is up to date.

**Meeting Schedule:** The Meeting was adjourned at 10:05 am with a motion by Eileen Synder (Alpha) and seconded by Harvy Klein (Garden State). The next scheduled ELAC Meeting will be held on **February 11, 2021 at 9:30am**, via Microsoft Teams. **Those planning to attend must email the ELAC Chair or secretary.**

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