



Environmental Laboratory Advisory Committee (ELAC) Meeting Minutes: April 14, 2016

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Administrative Business:

The meeting was called to order at 9:30am by the interim ELAC Chair, Phil Worby (EMSL). Meeting minutes were taken by the ELAC secretary, Nick Straccione (SGS Accutest Inc.)

The March 2016 ELAC Meeting Minutes were approved, with a motion by Steve Reduker (IAL) and seconded Mike Bauman (Landis Sewage Auth.).

Environmental Laboratory Certification Program (ECLP): Rachel Ellis (NJDEP-OQA) provided a program update.

Labs that did not send in their renewals by April 1st will not receive their certification by July 1st. All renewals must have payment in order to process. Rachel has been in training and has not been able to respond to which applications were processed by email but she will reply soon.

A new policy has been instated that renewals can no longer be hand delivered. All renewals must go through the mailroom so they can be signed for as delivered. Rachel can no longer sign for renewals

This is the new link for NJ's OQA website:

<http://www.nj.gov/dep/enforcement/oqa.html>

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

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

Drinking water notices for intent to suspend were mailed. If there were issues please let Rachel know, do not make any assumptions. The makeup study is scheduled for 7/1/16.

The air makeup study letters have been delayed the make-up air study will still be analyzed after July 1, 2016. The due date will be included in the letters.

Soil results are due on 6/24/16 and wastewater is active now, due 5/13/16.

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

The NELAC Institute (TNI): Rachel Ellis (NJDEP-OQA) provided an update

The new standards are now up for vote. The PT module is open for voting until the end of the month to vote. Rachel encourages labs to participate. The onsite assessment and quality sections have been voted on already.

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

Division of Water Supply/Safe Drinking Water: Linda Bonnette (NJDEP-BSDW) provided a program update.

New lead guidance has been posted to the NJDEP water supply website: <http://www.nj.gov/dep/watersupply/dwc-lead.html>.

The NJDEP has been working with Newark public school on a QAPP that is envisioned as an eventual template for all schools in NJ to adopt for lead sampling and analysis. Laboratories will be notified when this generic QAPP will be posted on the watersupply webpage.

Note: There are several differences in NJ's lead sampling and analysis compared to EPA:

- NJ's limit for lead in DW is 15ppb, while the EPA limit is 20ppb.
- NJ allows 8-48 hours stagnant water before sampling while EPA recommends 8-18 hrs.
- NJ's sampling includes bathroom faucets for sampling sites while EPA excludes bathroom faucets

The new E2 website is version 3.2. Section Chief Linda Doughty is asking about any problems with submissions. So far only minor problems have been noticed.

Revised Total Coliform Rule - at the moment the process is running smoothly. Any issues should present themselves once the compliance is run on approximately May 10-11th.

Questions on the Drinking Water Program may be emailed to Linda Bonnette (NJDEP-BSDW) at: linda.bonnette@dep.nj.gov

Site Remediation & Waste Management Program (SRWMP): Greg Toffoli (NJDEP-SRWMP) provided a program update.

No update at this time.

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

New Business: N/A

EDD Subcommittee: An update was provided by Ken Liao (NJDEP-SRWMP-BIS)

Ken L. led the meeting explaining that he is meeting with Greg Toffoli to see which methods are necessary for the database.

Recently there was an issue with EDSA, the current EDD checker. A new version will be released soon and the updates can be downloaded. It will just be a new installer, no changes.

Questions and comments may be directed to Ken Liao (NJDEP-SRWMP-BIS) at ken.liao@dep.nj.gov

Communications / OQA Website:

ELAC Secretary, Nick Straccione (SGS Accutest) reported that the NJDEP-OQA **website** will be up to date soon to date with the approved minutes, ELAC bylaws, and 2016 calendar.

Meeting Schedule: The Meeting was adjourned with a motion by Mark Feitelson (PAS) and seconded by Steve Reduker (IAL). The next scheduled ELAC Meeting will be held on **Thursday May 12, 2016 at 9:30AM**, at NJDEP, 401 East State Street, **5th Floor Conference Room** in Trenton, New Jersey. **Those planning to attend must email the ELAC Secretary, Nick Straccione at: nicks@accutest.com by Wednesday May 4th, 2016.**

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