



Environmental Laboratory Advisory Committee (ELAC) Meeting Minutes: June 9, 2016

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Administrative Business:

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

The May 2016 ELAC Meeting Minutes were approved, with a motion by Mark Feitelson (Precision) and seconded Charles Anzolut (Agra Env.)

Environmental Laboratory Certification Program (ELCP): Deb Waller (NJDEP-OQA) provided a program update.

Any laboratory that does not have its renewal application and full payment into the OQA before the end of this fiscal year (June 30, 2016) will be dropped from the program and will have to come back in as an initial laboratory with all of the required initial fees..

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

Proficiency Test (PT) Program: Deb Waller (NJDEP-OQA) provided a program update.

The next study period will be the make-up studies for any failures for the regular study for drinking water or as the second of two required PT samples for the NELAP laboratories.

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

The NELAC Institute (TNI):

Next meeting is the week of August 8th in Anaheim CA.

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

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

No update at this time.

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.

The UHOT and Technical regulations are still on track for a summer submittal. Following will be the Remediation Standard Rule in the fall for comment.

The Groundwater Quality Standards (GWQS) have been re-opened for discussion. It has been proposed to use 2 significant figures with specific rounding rules. Greg T. wanted to check with the labs to see if that would be difficult in LIMS systems and when the rounding occurs. It is preferable to have the LIMS system round to significant figures at the end of the process.

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

New Business:

Laboratories performing testing need to watch the Listserv email system for an email that will be coming from the OQA regarding a request for information from the Office of Science related to ground water quality standards.

Greg T. was asked how labs should proceed if they are following Method 8000C which suggests reporting the lower of the two concentrations for GC methods, i.e. Pesticide Method 8081B, and NJ DKQP requests reporting the higher of the two columns. Mr. Toffoli said that he would speak with OQA and respond at the next meeting.

Charles Anzolut (Agra Env.) requested that the BSDW and OQA provide more time for sampling plans to be revised. In addition it would be helpful for the offices to supply further guidance for the short time frame given to revise the plans.

Dorothy Love proposed that the August ELAC meeting be cancelled and there were no objections.

EDD Subcommittee Ken Liao (NJDEP-SRWMP-BIS)

No update at this time

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** was up to date with the approved minutes, ELAC bylaws, and 2016 calendar.

Meeting Schedule: The Meeting was adjourned with a motion by Mark Feitelson (Precision) and seconded by Steve Reduker (IAL). The next scheduled ELAC Meeting will be held on **Thursday, September 15, 2016 at 9:30AM**, at NJDEP, 401 East State Street, and **5th Floor Conference Room** in Trenton, New Jersey. **Those planning to attend must email the ELAC Secretary, Nick Straccione at: nicholas.straccione@sgs.com by Thursday, September 8, 2016.**

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