



## Environmental Laboratory Advisory Committee (ELAC) Meeting Minutes: July 14, 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 Steve Reduker (IAL) and seconded Rose Koplin (Accred. Analytical)

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

All renewals have been sent out to laboratories. Any lab that has not received their certification must notify Rachel immediately. If any lab did not submit their renewal they have been removed from the system automatically. At that time an initial application process must begin.

A new auditor has been hired by NJDEP OQA for microbiology and radiological analysis. Amy Bowman has left the department of Quality Assurance for Site Remediation.

Questions on the certification program should be directed to Rachel Ellis at [rachel.ellis@dep.nj.gov](mailto:rachel.ellis@dep.nj.gov).

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

The wastewater intent to suspend letters have been sent. The drinking water and air makeup letters were sent in the beginning of July. Solid and Hazardous waste letters will go out in August, but the study will not be until after Oct. 1st.

The TNI standards are going to be voted on July 15th, everyone is urged to vote. The standards should be made available by the end of August.

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):**

Next meeting is the week of August 8th in Anaheim CA. and a new standard should be published after the meeting. A 2 year phase in to implement the changes will be given. The meetings at the TNI conference will provide information on the changes made to the standard.

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 but Charles Anzolut mentioned the N.J.A.C. 6A:26, Educational Facilities, P.L. 2016, c.10 law published by the Department of Education which was officially adopted 7/13/16. This document includes the requirements for schools to test their water for drinking water lead in addition to the guidelines for laboratories (the document is attached to these minutes). Several key areas of the document were discussed. The testing must be done within 365 days unless the school can prove it does not use potable water. An extension may be given only if the school receives 3 labs refusal to do the work within the time frame. The stagnation time for the plumbing is 8-48 hours and the action level is 15ppb. A 250ml HPDE bottle is required and the aerator and filters are not to be removed. This law is applicable to any educational (schools, daycares, support facilities, etc.) facilities receiving state funding. The law was a special adoption and is valid for one year.

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

**Site Remediation & Waste Management Program (SRWMP):** Greg Toffoli (NJDEP-SRWMP)

An update was not provided at this time but a few topics were discussed:

Dorothy Love from Eurofins received comments from a client saying that they were commenting too much on their DKQP reports where other labs were not. These comments were standard comments regarding MS/MSD or LCS failures. The consensus among the group was that all labs were commenting on the same exceedances as Eurofins.

Nick Straccione, SGS Accutest, received statements from several clients that since several new compounds were included on the Nov. 25, 2015 Interim Groundwater Quality Standards that the lab should be analyzing all of the time. The group agreed that just because there is a standard it is up to the LSRP to decide if it needs to be analyzed.

Steve Reduker, IAL, wanted to know what to provide clients now that light scribe CD's are no longer available for LL TO\_15. Rose Koplin mentioned that she had purchased light scribe DVD's and that may work.

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:**

Dorothy Love reminded the group that the August ELAC meeting was cancelled.

#### **EDD Subcommittee** Ken Liao (NJDEP-SRWMP-BIS)

The only topic discussed was the potential for retention time minutes error from the conversion of decimal seconds. It appears that the difference would be minor and should not be an issue. If necessary the lab report can be reviewed for further information.

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:**

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 Charles Anzolut (Agra Env.) 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](mailto:nicholas.straccione@sgs.com) by Thursday, September 8, 2016.**

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