



Environmental Laboratory Advisory Committee (ELAC) Final Meeting Minutes: May 8, 2008

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Administrative Business

The meeting was called to order at 9:35 AM. Tom Cady (HC/V) requested any changes to the draft April minutes be e-mailed to Sharon O'Toole (MARL).

Subcommittee Reports

Laboratory Certification Program: Rachel Ellis (NJDEP/OQA) stated the lab certification renewals are being completed. Target date for new ACPLs is July 1.

Martin Hackman (NJDEP/OQA) reported MUR and SW-846 Rev. IV updates to the Application Part III are complete. The new Part III has been forwarded to the NJDEP webmaster. Keep an eye on the NJDEP/OQA website for the new document.

Peter Boughton (NJDEP/OQA) mentioned the OQA would be sending a survey to all radiochemistry labs requesting information concerning the 48-hour gross alpha test.

PT Program: Rachel Ellis (NJDEP/OQA) reported the Solid/Hazardous Waste PT is underway. She reminded everyone that reports of sample breakage/loss must be submitted within 72 hours of receipt otherwise the lab must pay for the replacement.

Payment for the upcoming wastewater PT must be submitted no later than Monday, 05/12/2008.

Suspensions (Administrative Orders) from last year's PT studies won't go out until this summer.

TNI: The summer meeting is in Washington, D.C. in mid-August. This will be a dual meeting with the NEMC (National Environmental Monitoring Conference).

NJQLs: Some progress has been made. Testing may begin soon.

Sludge (Biosolids): Anthony Pilawski (DWQ/BPR) had nothing new to report.

Communications and (OQA) Website: Sharon O'Toole (MAEL) reported the minutes had been sent in to be posted.

Old Business

Bureau of Safe Drinking Water: Linda Bonette (NJDEP/BSDW) reported nothing new.

PWTA: No report.

Site Remediation: Greg Toffoli (NJDEP/SRP) was not in attendance but did send the following information through Tom Cady (HC-V):

The Soil Remediation Standards rule was signed by NJDEP Commissioner Jackson yesterday (05/07/2008). It is expected to see publication in the NJ Register Monday 06/09/2008. As of this (ELAC) meeting this morning there were no advanced copies of the rule in circulation. Unofficial word is there were some unspecified changes made prior to its approval by the commissioner. We were advised to keep an eye on the SRP website (www.state.nj.us/dep/srp) for a copy of the rule. The implementation date for the rule is expected to be 30 days after publication, which would be approximately 07/08/2008.

There was no further news on the meeting held at NJDEP last month regarding revisions to the NJ Low-Level TO15 as none of the meeting attendees were present at the ELAC meeting. Details should be available at the June ELAC meeting.

Rachel Ellis (NJDEP/OQA) reported the new PT contract will require certified air labs PTs and they are expensive. NJDEP is negotiating the new contract with ERA, which would begin in October 2009. ERA is the only supplier of air PTs, buying them from Scott Specialty Gases.

New Business

Harvey Klein (GSL) brought up testing artificial turf for lead (paint). He questioned which standard to use – NJSCC residential of 400 ppm, the NJSCC non-residential of 600 ppm or the federal lead paint standard of 0.5% (5000 ppm). Harvey added that in 40 years of use, there has been no lead intoxication.

It was reported Dr. Michael Miller is on medical leave.

There were no other new issues. The meeting was adjourned at 10:05 a.m.

The next meeting is scheduled for 9:30 a.m. on June 12, 2008 in the 2nd Floor Conference Room.

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