



## Environmental Laboratory Advisory Committee (ELAC) Final Meeting Minutes: December 11, 2008

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### **Administrative Business**

The meeting was called to order at 9:37 a.m. Tom Cady (HC-V), Chair, has everyone around the room introduce him/herself. Dan Miguel (AAR) made a motion to accept the November 13, 2008 minutes and Carl Armbruster (Test America) seconded the motion. The minutes were approved as presented.

### **Subcommittee Reports**

**Laboratory Certification Program:** Peter Boughton (NJDEP/OQA) stated there was no report. Pete added the OQA may be moving to a new location in approximately one month and there might be a delay with paperwork during the move

Phil Worby (Accutest) asked if OQA would have a hybridization of methods based upon their recommendation of using the most stringent requirements of the old and new method versions. Marty Hackman (NJDEP/OQA) replied OQA would offer both versions for certifications but NELAC requires the latest version. He added NELAC also requires labs do what the clients request. Peter Boughton (NJDEP/OQA) stated the old government contracts would continue to use the old letter designation but labs should use the "latest and greatest" version for new clients. Tom Cady (HC-V) explained there was a concern that the non-NELAC labs would not upgrade to the latest version putting the NELAC labs on an uneven playing field because the newer method versions would put the NELAC lab at a cost disadvantage. Phil added the USEPA doesn't remove or replace the old method when a new method comes out. He went on to say TNI discussed having the new method replace the old method with no choices. Tom added this was a program issue and not a certification issue and reported Greg Toffoli (NJDEP/SRP) said SRP would expect labs to upgrade. Considerable discussion followed.

**PT Program:** Marty Hackman (NJDEP/OQA) stated there was no report. Harvey Klein (GSL) reported ERA purchased APG.

**TNI:** No updates. Peter Boughton (NJDEP/OQA) stated there was a meeting next month and Joe Aiello (NJDEP/OQA) typically goes.

**Sludge (Biosolids):** No report, maybe next time.

**Communications and (OQA) Website:** Sharon O'Toole (MAEL) reported the minutes had been sent to Deb Waller to be posted but she had heard nothing and they had not been posted. Peter Boughton (NJDEP/OQA) stated Deb had been kept quite busy by OQA and to send the old minutes to him and he would see about getting them posted.

### **Old Business**

**Bureau of Safe Drinking Water:** Linda Bonnette (NJDEP/BSDW) reported a lot of labs are registering for electronic deliverables. If anyone needs any help, they can call Rich Ganowski at 609-292-5550. Linda added QA is supposed to be submitted but it is not done very much and the BSDWI got away from the QA data because they cannot manage all the QA data.

Linda spoke about EDB, DBCP and 123TCP as they wanted to include these analytes. She said the BSDWI would like to know if adding the first two compounds or all three compounds would cause an increase in costs to the client. Tom Cady indicated that in addition to running those compounds via 504, they are commonly run by 8011 for the GWQS.

Harvey Klein (GSL) reported that on July 1, 2009 the regs go into effect for the transients and the community water systems are fighting this.

**PWTA:** No update. Helen MacMinn (ALSI) asked if they have started tracking aquifers in NJ and if this has been affected by the housing market. Linda Bonnette (NJDEP/BSDW) replied exceedences must be communicated to the local health department, which will relay this information to NJDEP. Helen reported having problems with sampling contractors wanting results to them and not to the client. Harvey Klein (GSL) replied state law requires the results be reported to the DEP and to the client.

**Site Remediation:** Greg Toffoli (NJDEP/SRP) was called away but left information with Tom Cady (HC-V): 1) Air hopes to have TO-15 on the website soon; 2) Will accept .pdf from consultants but not from labs, and 3) UST sent an e-mail about the EPH round robin, currently five labs are signed up to participate. Tom reported the Impact to Groundwater guidance is out but there are analytical issues such as the PQL and % Solids as PQLs assume 100% Solids but lower amount can raise PQL to above regulatory limit

### **New Business**

**PCB Hold Times:** Phil Worby (Accutest) brought up that the holding time for PCBs in the MUR had been changed to no holding time but the blue book requires 7 and 14 days for aqueous and soil samples, respectively. Marty Hackman (NJDEP/OQA) reported this was discussed with Joe Aiello (NJDEP/OQA) but no decision had been made yet.

**2009 Meeting Schedule:** Tom Cady (HC-V) informed everyone the 2009 ELAC Meeting schedules were ready. No meeting had been scheduled for February due to state buildings being closed for Presidents' Day. Tom asked if we could see about having the meeting on the first or third Thursday in February as there was a lot going on and we didn't want to miss a month. He added we should check the schedule for any religious holidays and reschedule those.

**Election of Officers:** Sharon O'Toole (MAEL) had been nominated as Chair and Jeri Rossi (HC-V) as Secretary the previous month. Tom Cady (HC-V) asked if there were any other nominations. Harvey Klein (GSL) made a motion to close nominations, the motion was seconded by Steve Reduker (IAL). Sharon and Jeri were elected to office and Harvey made the motion to close the elections and the motion was seconded by Steve Reduker (IAL).

There were no other new issues. The meeting was adjourned at 11 a.m.

The next meeting is scheduled for 9:30 a.m. on January 8, 2009 in the 5th Floor Large Conference Room.

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