



Environmental Laboratory Advisory Committee (ELAC) Final Meeting Minutes: January 8, 2009

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Administrative Business

Chair Sharon O'Toole (MAEL) called the meeting to order at 9:34am. Sharon requested everyone in the room to introduce him/herself. Tom Cady (HCV) motioned to approve the December 2008 minutes with the motion seconded by Steve Reduker (IAL). The minutes were approved.

Subcommittee Reports

Laboratory Certification Program: Marty Hackman (NJDEP OQA) stated there was no updated information regarding laboratories upgrading to the new revision of SW846 methods. Deb Waller (NJDEP OQA) would address this issue at the next meeting.

Terrie McIntyre (Merck) asked whether the personnel requirement of 6 months operating experience for a GC/MS Operator had to include analyzing real samples. Marty Hackman (NJDEP OQA) replied that the 6 months of experience does not have to include the analysis of real samples.

PT Program: Rachel Ellis (NJDEP OQA) stated the Drinking Water PTs will ship next week. Rachel also indicated that new parameters will be added to the June Water Pollution study and cautioned that labs should check the cost tables closely. She stated there would be additional Drinking Water and Solid Hazardous Waste parameters as well as the addition of PT requirements for air. Tom Cady (HCV) asked about the sensitivity requirement for the air PTs. Rachel replied that this has not been established yet. She went on to say that for the first year there may be no enforcement in regard to the air PT.

Steve Reduker (IAL) asked if labs that have submitted packages for Low Level TO-15 certification would have to resubmit their package since the TO-15 method is being revised. Rachel Ellis (NJDEP OQA) replied that the initial packages can be used, but SOPs may need to be updated. Any questions should be directed to Bernie Wilk (NJDEP OQA).

Vini Bandeira (PTL) asked whether a PT will be required for SPLP parameters. Rachel replied that she would look into this.

TNI: No update.

Communications and (OQA) Website: Sharon O'Toole (MAEL) stated she sent Deb Waller (NJDEP OQA) the final minutes for the April through November meetings and will send December's minutes as well.

Sludge (Biosolids): Tony Pilawski (NJDEP BPR) stated there was no update.

Old Business

Bureau of Safe Drinking Water: Karen Fell (NJDEP BSDWI) reported she expects the draft ruling of Perchlorate to be published soon. Brian Wood (APL) asked if Perchlorate will be part of the PWTA. Karen answered that she expects it will be part of the PWTA.

Karen went on to say that changes to the SDWA (NJAC 7:10) are being made and anticipates a draft published this summer.

PWTA: Karen Fell (NJDEP BSDWI) stated that there is a new spreadsheet for PWTA submittals because West Paterson Borough changed its name to Woodland Township.

E2: Karen reported that about one-fifth of the 2500 transient non-community water systems have submitted paperwork to the DEP so that their lab can submit SDW data electronically on their behalf and a list of these can be supplied. She also stated that new reminders are going out soon in the mail regarding the July 1, 2009 deadline for submitting electronically.

Site Remediation: No Update.

New Business

PCB Hold times – Sharon O'Toole (MAEL) asked if there was an update regarding PCB and Cr+6 hold time. Marty Hackman (NJDEP OQA) replied Deb Waller (NJDEP OQA) would address this issue at the next meeting.

There were no other new issues. The meeting was adjourned at 9:55 a.m.

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

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