



Environmental Laboratory Advisory Committee (ELAC) Meeting Minutes April 11, 2019

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Administrative Business:

The meeting was called to order at 9:30am by ELAC Chair, Nick Straccione (EMSL). Meeting minutes were taken by Rose Koplin (Accredited Analytical Resources, Inc.), ELAC secretary.

The March 2019 ELAC Meeting Minutes were approved with a motion by () and seconded by Ken Boley (Eurofins).

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

Renewals were due April 1, 2019 to return all required documentation and fees (mailed to Treasury Department). If your renewal was NOT received by April 1, you will not get your new ACPL by July 1, 2019. If you are a secondary state, OQA is aware of the renewals being forthcoming.

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

Proficiency Test (PT) Program: Rachel Ellis (NJDEP-OQA) provided an update.

No update at this time. OQA is putting together a list serve pertaining to 1,4-Dioxane.

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

The NELAC Institute (TNI): Nick Straccione (EMSL Analytical, Inc.) provided an update.

Registration is open for the August TNI Meeting.

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

Division of Water Supply/Safe Drinking Water: Linda Bonnette (NJDEP BSDW) provided an update

A "Laboratory FAQs for PFNA" was developed and emailed to those drinking water laboratories.

A document is being prepared for PFAS in drinking water sampling protocol and is under review by several laboratories and NJDEP programs. It will be emailed to the laboratories and water systems upon completion.

A question was raised if PFAS samples are testing positive for residual chlorine, should the samples be rejected and re-collected? Do you need a waiver or just qualify the data? Linda will look into it. Linda has requested input on this by EPA and will report back when received.

Public hearing is scheduled for May 15 as a stakeholder meeting to propose addition of monitoring PFOS and PFOA to the NJ Safe Drinking water Regulations and the PWTA.

Laboratories that have never used the E2 system before are having trouble uploading data. Water Supply staff are working with labs with these issues. There will be a grace period to allow data to be submitted.

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): Amy Bowman (NJDEP-SRWMP) provided an update.

New Interim specific groundwater quality standards for PFOS (0.013 ug/L) and PFOA (0.014 ug/L). Full deliverables requirements must be met for all data submittals for these compounds.

At a minimum, the person responsible for conducting the remediation is required to evaluate whether there is the potential that PFOA and/or PFOS may have been manufactured, used, handled, stored, disposed or discharged at the site or area of concern. The NJDEP recommends that the information available in the ITRC PFAS technical documents found at <https://pfas-1.itrcweb.org/> be utilized as part of the evaluation. If the scope of the remediation is for the entire site, then an entire site preliminary assessment is required to be conducted pursuant to the Technical Requirements for Site Remediation at N.J.A.C. 7:26E-3.1. If the scope of the remediation is for one or more specific areas of concern, then the licensed site remediation professional (LSRP) shall use his or her professional judgment to determine what evaluation is necessary.

This requirement applies to all site remediation sites, including those sites subject to the May 7, 2014 statutory timeframe to complete the remedial investigation and for which the regulatory timeframe to complete the remedial action is May 7, 2019.

If the person responsible for conducting the remediation cannot complete the above evaluation/preliminary assessment by May 7, 2019, it is recommended that they apply for an extension to the remedial action report regulatory timeframe pursuant to the Administrative Requirements for the Remediation of Contaminated Sites (ARRCS) at N.J.A.C. 7:26C-3.2 if they have not already done so. Pursuant to ARRCS, this extension request must be submitted to the NJDEP at least 30 days prior to the regulatory timeframe (i.e., on or before April 7, 2019).

EPA has Drinking Water Training System online available. It can be accessed at: https://cfpub.epa.gov/epa_dwts/dsp_welcome.cfm

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

New Business:

Email comments to the Draft FSPM Chapter 2 draft to ESnyder@alphalab.com

EDD Subcommittee Ken Liao and Roger Page (NJDEP-SRWMP-BIS).

No updates, continued background programming being done. This committee will be placed on hold for the time being until the NJDEP-SRWMP-BIS department notifies the ELAC committee of any changes.

Questions and comments may be directed to Ken Liao (NJDEP-SRWMP-BIS) at ken.liaoi@dep.nj.gov

Communications / OQA Website:

Rose Koplin (AAR) reported that the NJDEP-OQA website was not up to date with the approved minutes. Rachel commented in may take up to a few months to get things posted to website since all correspondence must go thru the Commissioner office.

Meeting Schedule: The Meeting was adjourned with a motion by Charles Anzolut (Agra) and seconded by Charles Morrow (IAL). The next scheduled ELAC Meeting will be held on **Thursday, May 9th, 2019 at 9:30AM**, at NJDEP, 401 East State Street, in **5th Floor Conference Room** in Trenton, New Jersey. **Those planning to attend must email the ELAC Secretary, Rose Koplin at: rkoplin@accreditedanalytical.com by Wednesday, April 24th, 2019.**

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