



Environmental Laboratory Advisory Committee (ELAC) Meeting Minutes September 12th, 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 July 2019 ELAC Meeting Minutes were approved with a motion by Eileen Snyder(Alpha) and seconded by Ariel Geida(NJAL).

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

2019 MUR part 136 has been proposed once it is approved the part III will be updated and will have a timeframe for changeover.

Part III is being updated to make room for the new methods. 8260D and 8270E are being added to renewal ACPLs. Labs will have both the 8260C & D and 8270 D & E both showing on the line. OQA will give a timeframe when labs are required to have only the new methods (most likely Fall of 2020). Labs need to prepare and comply with update.

If you received an email about a user defined method, answer it. October 1, 2019 all user defined methods which are currently not needed for the New Jersey analysis are being eliminated and user defined currently in use for New Jersey ie NPW PFC methods will remain.

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

Rule Amendment: Debra Waller (NJDEP-OQA) provided an update.

The Stakeholder meeting has tentatively scheduled for early December and it will be invitation only. Formal invitations will be going out within the next month. Draft proposal anticipated late spring 2020, potential for a second meeting prior to proposal)

Email questions about rule changes to the OQA mailbox OQA@DEP.nj.gov; include method, rule, specific text applicable to recommendation to explain/support benefit to increase quality by removal and or inclusion.

Changes should be no surprise, enforced through method changes/updates.

Enforcement for fraudulent labs to prevent misappropriate qualification of data.

Proposal to require all TNI labs performing testing results for NJ samples to follow the NJ-ELCP regulations in addition to the NELAP requirements.

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

NELAC FoPT tables will be changing shortly, keep an eye out for news PT additions.

There were additions for the October study, make sure to check the list.

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.

The annual conference was the first week of August 2019. The hot topic was the 24 credits of chemistry required to be technical director versus experience.

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

Division of Water Supply/Safe Drinking Water: No representative provided an update

Questions on the Drinking Water Program may be emailed to Linda Doughty (NJDEP-BSDW) at: linda.doughty@dep.nj.gov And cc Michele Potter. For bacteria questions, cc Debra Waller.

Site Remediation & Waste Management Program (SRWMP): Amy Bowman(NJDEP-SRWMP)provided an update.

The Site Remediation and Waste Management Program of the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (NJDEP) has updated the guidance for implementation of the interim specific ground water quality standards established for perfluorooctanoic

acid (PFOA) and perfluorooctanesulfonic acid (PFOS) that were posted to the Division of Water Monitoring and Standards website (<https://nj.gov/dep/wms/bears/gwqs.htm>) on March 13, 2019. The interim specific ground water quality standards became effective upon posting on March 13, 2019 to the "Table of Interim Specific Ground Water Quality Criteria (ISGWQC), Interim PQLs (IPQLs), and Interim Specific Ground Water Quality Standards (ISGWQS) for Constituents in Class II-A Ground Water" located on this website. The updated implementation guidance is available on the Site Remediation and Waste Management Program web page available at https://www.nj.gov/dep/srp/guidance/srra/srwmp_implementing_03-13-19_pfoa_pfos_interim_gwqs.pdf. The updates clarify issues raised by the regulated community.

SRP requires a full deliverables package for PFAS and the laboratory must be certified to do the work.

Stakeholder meeting 09/30/19 to address making changes to LSRPA to align with the approved changes to SRR2.0.

There is order of magnitude changes for the standards, just as a heads up to the laboratories.

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

New Business:

For the laboratory to analyze PFOA & PFOS in NJ, the SOP number and revision must be listed on the ACPL.

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.liao@dep.nj.gov

Communications / OQA Website:

Rose Koplín (AAR) reported that the NJDEP-OQA website was not up to date with the approved minutes. All minutes will be posted as soon as possible.

Meeting Schedule: The Meeting was adjourned with a motion by Margaret Ecke and seconded by Steve Reduker (IAL). The next scheduled ELAC Meeting will be held on **Thursday, October 10, 2019 at 9:30AM**, at NJDEP, 401 East State Street, in **4th Floor Conference Room** in Trenton, New Jersey. **Those planning to attend must email the ELAC Secretary, Rose Koplín at: rkoplín@accreditedanalytical.com by Wednesday, September 25, 2019.**

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