Environmental Laboratory Advisory Committee (ELAC)
Meeting Minutes November 7th, 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 October 2019 ELAC Meeting Minutes were approved with a motion by Ken Boley (Eurofins) and seconded by Bill Gigliio (NJDWSC)

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

No update at this time

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

Rule Amendment: Rachel Ellis (NJDEP-OQA) provided an update.

The stakeholder meeting is now in January. The invitations will be going out via email. Be sure to respond space is limited. Only one rep from each lab or organization can attend. If the invited person cannot come, then they can delegate another person to attend. The person that is actually coming to the meeting is the one that has to be on the attendance list.

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

NPW make-up PTs are due to OQA no later than November 8, 2019. Make sure they are reported by the method on your ACPL.

SDW PT failure letters will be going out next week.

Every study has additional parameters for NJ. Be sure to check the lists. TNI is voting on the FoPT tables so be aware there are changes forthcoming.

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.

January 31, 2020 the 2016 TNI standard becomes effective. All SOP updates must be effective as of February 1, 2020.

States who have not been able to update will maintain certification, however document reviews will be conducted to verify compliance. Labs will be downgraded immediately until compliance can be verified.

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) was not present to provide an update.

Questions were raised about a rounding rule when comparing results to standards. Will the DKQP be updated to reflect changes, And when will the new GWQ’s go into effect?

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

New Business:

For questions regarding the new EPH guidance, contact John Ruhl.

The GWQ rule proposal will be published in the NJ register soon, labs are encouraged to submit comments.

The proposed SRS rule proposal will be promulgated in November 2019; IGW standards will become enforceable, they will no longer be screening levels.
Ariel Geida was nominated for the position of secretary for the ELAC committee for 2020.

**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 Koplin (AAR) reported that the NJDEP-OQA website was 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 Olga Azarian (SGS) and seconded by Marc Feitelson (PAS). The next scheduled ELAC Meeting will be held on Thursday, Dec 12, 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, November 26, 2019.

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