



Environmental Laboratory Advisory Committee (ELAC) Meeting Minutes December 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 November 2019 ELAC Meeting Minutes were approved with a motion by Eileen Snyder (Alpha) and seconded by Sean Berls(HCV).

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

Part III is being updated. Method 8260C will become 8260D and Method 8270D will become 8270E effective July 1, 2020 with a compliance date of October 1, 2020.

The 2019 MUR was proposed for part 136, be aware of upcoming changes.

New parameter codes should be expected in the next renewal. For example, tests will be grouped by technology or method such as ICP metals. OQA is trying to get rid of user defined methods.

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 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. Please make sure to respond early so if there is available room others may be invited.

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

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.

Meeting is in early February, early registration is currently open until sometime in January. It is focusing on the implementation of the new standard.

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. A listserv was sent to address this issue. LSRP's responsibility to assess comparison of the standards to results.

Will the DKQP be updated to reflect changes? Requests for the DKQP's to be updated can be sent to Greg Tofoli.

And when will the new GWQ's go into effect? Proposing changes to the standards by 2022.

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

New Business:

For UST work, are the TIC's supposed to be separated for reporting?

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 Eileen Snyder (Alpha) and seconded by Charles Anzoult (AGRA). The next scheduled ELAC Meeting will be held on **Thursday, Jan 9, 2020 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, December 26 , 2019.**

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