



Environmental Laboratory Advisory Committee (ELAC) Meeting Minutes April 2nd, 2020

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Administrative Business:

The meeting was called to order at 9:30am by ELAC Chair, Rose Koplin (Accredited Analytical Resources, Inc.), Meeting minutes were taken by Ariel Gieda (New Jersey Analytical), ELAC secretary. This meeting was held via skype.

The February ELAC Meeting Minutes were approved with a motion by Steve Witkowski (NJAL) and seconded by Steve Ruduker (IAL).

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

The NJDEP is currently working remotely as well as shift staggering in the office. The main phone line is still open and can handle any calls.

Renewals mailed out on March 1st, 2020 and due back April 1st, 2020. Due to the Covid 19 Pandemic it is okay for the renewals to be sent back to the NJDEP after the accepted date. Renewals should be sent back at the earliest possible time. Currently half way done with renewals and are hoping that by July 1st, 2020 all labs will have their certifications.

For part 1, 2 and 3 payments still send application in. Do not hold applications.

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.

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. Updates are going through – both methods will be listed on the renewals, but old methods will be removed. The MUR will not be in place for next years renewal.

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

Rule Amendment:

Rule amendments that are being proposed are scheduled to be finalized in draft on or after April 1st, 2020. All comments must be sent to the OQA by March 30th, 2020. Please list citations (language and justification) of what you want changed to OQA@dep.nj.gov.

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

NPW PTs are to be analyzed after March 1st, 2020 and due May 1st, 2020. This date is not being extended due to the fact that the providers are not extending the deadline.

NELAC/Blue book labs can submit the September study if the current study can not be completed due to the Covid 19 pandemic.

New York certified laboratories are not doing PTs since the state (provider) is currently shut down.

For the 2016 Standard the PT time range runs from close of study date to the next close of study date. TNI Labs use the old standard, which uses the analysis date.

TNI tables will be changing. Look for changes. New Jersey is putting a request in for air PT's.

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

The NELAC Institute (TNI):

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

TNI is still planning the annual meeting in August of 2020.

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

Division of Water Supply/Safe Drinking Water: Kelly Meccia (NJDEP - BSDW) provided an update.

New Jersey is currently working on their own lead and copper rule. There will be a stakeholder meeting in the near future. Email Kelly Moscia with any questions. Kelley.Meccia@dep.nj.gov

Questions were raised about the PFOA and PFOS MCL's that were proposed a year ago. The PFOA and PFOS MCL's have not been adopted yet – still in progress.

For the Covid 19 Pandemic – regulations at this time are not being modified. Check the website for the latest updates on monitoring systems and PWS.

Questions on the Drinking Water Program may be emailed to Kelley Meccia or Joana Caporossi (NJDEP - BSDW) at Kelley.Meccia@dep.nj.gov and joana.caporossi@dep.nj.gov respectively.

Site Remediation & Waste Management Program (SRWMP):

No updated provided at this time.

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

New Business:

PFNA will be added to the PWTA. Rule to be approved in April. There will be an 18 month delay before it is a requirement.

Governor changing the lead and copper rule to every 3 years for schools . This will be changing on the action level.

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:

All minutes will be posted as soon as possible.

Meeting Schedule: The Meeting was adjourned with a motion by Nick Straccione (EMSL) and seconded by Harvey Klein (Garden State). The next scheduled ELAC Meeting will be held on **May 14th, 2020**, Via Skype. **Those planning to attend must email the ELAC Secretary, Ariel Gieda at: ariel@njal.com by Wednesday, April 29th, 2019.**

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