



Environmental Laboratory Advisory Committee (ELAC) Meeting Minutes May 14th , 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 April ELAC Meeting Minutes were approved with a motion by Lauren Jenkins (IAL) and seconded by Eileen Snyder (Alpha).

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 were due back by April 1st, 2020. If renewal payment and documentation was submitted by April 1st, 2020 then July 1st, 2020 all labs will have their certifications.

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

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 new order will be Method →Technique →Analyte.

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: Rachel Ellis (NJDEP-OQA) provided an update for Debra Waller (NJDEP-OQA)

N.J.A.C. 7:18 was readopted without change this month. This will allow the OQA the time needed to complete the revisions to the regulations. The proposal to amend the rule is being officially launched in early June. The subchapters are being actively revised and all concerns and questions that were sent to the OQA email after the January 2020 external stakeholder meeting have been addressed to the best of our abilities. The draft rule should be ready for public comment by the end of 2020 or early 2021. The OQA thanks the laboratory community for its continued support.

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

Solid study is currently going on and closes on June 12th, 2020. Asbestos PT is due April 2020. Drinking water and Air make up PTs will be in July 2020 and Solid Chemical make ups will be in October 2020.

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):

TNI has cancelled its Forum on Environmental Accreditation, scheduled for August 3-6 in Minneapolis, MN, as part of the 2020 Environmental Measurement Symposium due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The National Environmental Monitoring Conference (NEMC) portion of the Symposium will continue as a virtual event. For more details, go to <https://nemc.us>. Some TNI committees may decide to hold virtual public meetings in late July or early August to solicit feedback on various issues that are underway. Monthly TNI teleconference calls will continue as normal.

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

Division of Water Supply/Safe Drinking Water: Kelley 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 Meccia with any questions. Kelley.Meccia@dep.nj.gov

Questions were raised about the PFOA and PFOS MCL's that were proposed a year ago. Monitoring for PWS will start first quarter of 2021.

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 Kelly Meccia Kelley.Meccia@dep.nj.gov or Joanna Caporossi joanna.caporossi@dep.nj.gov

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

N.J.A.C. 7:26D, Remediation Standards were published on April 6th, 2020. An extended comment period is open until August 5th, 2020. The office has one year to respond to comments and pass the rule. Further information can be found at <https://www.nj.gov/dep/rules/>.

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

New Business:

Comments and questions were raised about PWS sampling challenges. Concerns about not being able to enter businesses and staying compliant with the regulations. Email Kelley Meccia with any questions at Kelley.Meccia@dep.nj.gov.

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

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 are up to date on the website.

Meeting Schedule: The Meeting was adjourned with a motion by Lauren Jenkins (IAL) and seconded by Harvey Klein (Garden State). The next scheduled ELAC Meeting will be held on **June 11th, 2020**, Via Skype. **Those planning to attend must email the ELAC Secretary, Ariel Gieda at: ariel@njal.com by Wednesday, May 27th, 2019.**

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