



## Environmental Laboratory Advisory Committee (ELAC) FINAL Meeting Minutes November 12, 2020

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### **Administrative Business:**

The meeting was called to order at 9:33am by ELAC Chair, Rose Koplin (Accredited Analytical Resources, Inc.), Meeting minutes were taken by Steve Witkowski (New Jersey Analytical), Acting ELAC secretary. This meeting was held via Microsoft Teams.

The October ELAC Meeting Minutes were approved with a motion by Eileen Snyder (Alpha) and seconded by Steve Reduker (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.

Any modifications are being processed once or twice a week. Laboratories are reminded to send in full packages with fees or the package will be returned.

Announcement letters have gone out to all laboratories that already have SCM PCB certification by SW-846 8082A via mail and email about adding PCBs in Oil to the SCM category via SW-846 8082A. Laboratories wishing to add the lines to their ACPL's must submit a modification request by December 23, 2020. The OQA will waive the modification fee for these analytes until December 23, 2020 for all laboratories that received this letter. Laboratories will have to obtain certification for the waste dilution prep method (SW-846 3580A also if they do not already hold this certification.

Clarification was requested for the certification line status if isotope dilution requires

Questions on the certification program should be directed to Rachel Ellis at [rachel.ellis@dep.nj.gov](mailto:rachel.ellis@dep.nj.gov).

### **Rule Amendment:**

The new NJAC 7:18 laboratory certification rule is still in review.

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

The October SCM study is currently in progress. PCB in oil PTs are in the SCM category not NPW.

DW study letters will be going out in the next few weeks.

Air letters will be going out late November/early December.

Questions on the proficiency testing program should be directed to Rachel Ellis at [rachel.ellis@dep.nj.gov](mailto:rachel.ellis@dep.nj.gov).

### **The NELAC Institute (TNI):**

The FoPT tables have been updated effective October 1<sup>st</sup>.

The meeting dates for the January conference have been changed, see the TNI website for details. It is anticipated that the webinars will be recorded for later viewing.

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

### **Division of Water Supply/Safe Drinking Water:**

There is draft updated MCL for 1,4-dioxane of 0.33 ug/l proposed by the NJ DWQI and is currently in the public comment period. Harmful algal blooms (HAB) are under consideration as is lowering the MCL for 1,2,3-trichloropropane. See the NJ DWQI website for more details.

Questions on the Drinking Water Program may be emailed to Kelly Meccia [Kelley.Meccia@dep.nj.gov](mailto:Kelley.Meccia@dep.nj.gov) or Joanna Caporossi [joanna.caporossi@dep.nj.gov](mailto:joanna.caporossi@dep.nj.gov)

#### **Site Remediation & Waste Management Program (SRWMP):**

The vapor intrusion technical guidance document is now in the response to comments period which will be completed by 1/1/2021. It is anticipated that the document will be ready in early 2021.

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

#### **New Business:**

It is anticipated that ELAC meetings will be virtual for the foreseeable future.

Clarification of certification status regarding isotope dilution was received from Paula Blaze (NJDEP-OQA). "Since SW846 8000D includes SIM analysis and isotope dilution calibration the laboratory can perform these techniques for any analyte without having these specific techniques listed on its ACPL (with the exclusion of the low level PAHs). The laboratory SOP must clearly identify that these techniques are performed, and the procedure included. If samples are analyzed in SIM mode or if the isotope dilution is performed the calibration and all associated QC, in addition to the MDLs and DOCs must be performed in the same manner. So, if the lab has certification for 1,4-dioxane by 8270E SIM, they can perform isotope dilution too, as long as everything is documented in the SOP."

Marty Hackman to get information from Paula Blaze concerning isotope dilution and if this applies SW-846 8260 as well.

#### *ELAC Nominations for 2021*

Secretary: Steve Witkowski by Rose Koplín and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Eileen Synder

Chair: Rose Koplín by Eileen Synder and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Harvy Klein

#### **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](mailto:ken.liao@dep.nj.gov)

#### **Communications / OQA Website:**

No Update

**Meeting Schedule:** The Meeting was adjourned at 10:02 am with a motion by Paul Maide (APT) and seconded by Steve Reduker (IAL). The next scheduled ELAC Meeting will be held on **December 10, 2020 at 9:30am**, via Microsoft Teams. **Those planning to attend must email the ELAC Chair or acting secretary.**

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