Environmental Laboratory Advisory Committee (ELAC)
FINAL Meeting Minutes October 14, 2021

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Administrative Business:
The meeting was called to order at 9:31am by ELAC Chair, Rose Koplin (Accredited Analytical Resources, Inc.), Meeting minutes were taken by Steve Witkowski (New Jersey Analytical), ELAC secretary. This meeting was held via Microsoft Teams.

The March ELAC Meeting Minutes were approved with a motion by Paul Maide (APT) and seconded by Eileen Synder (Alpha).

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

Methods update rule method revisions will be put into place during the next renewal cycle. ACPLs will be automatically updated to the new methods. Laboratories will be able to apply for the new offered methods. NELAP secondary labs must get the updated methods from their primary accreditation bodies.

Modifications taken 1 to 2 weeks for processing and are processed in the order that they are received.

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.

No Update

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

PT study dates are on the OQA website.
DW letters out toward the end of the month for January study
NPW results are due 11/5
SCM is open and due 12/17

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

The NELAC Institute (TNI):

The next meeting will be in person in San Antonio 1/17-22/2022
Check the TNI website for additional information http://www.nelac-institute.org/.

Division of Water Supply/Safe Drinking Water:
The Drinking Water Quality Institute has proposed a health based MCL of 0.33 ug/l for 1,4-dioxane.

PFOA, PFOS, PFNA needs to be included in PWTA for closings occurring on or after 12/1.
The paper (PDF) PWTA reporting form should be posted in October.
Laboratories should follow the method regarding surrogate excursions in PWTA EPA 537 analysis.
The laboratories have asked that the new forms be published, and the database be updated before that date so lab LIMS systems can be updated.

The E-2 QRG is still being updated and an FAQ section is being added.

A drinking water roundtable is being planned for next year. Please let Kelley know any suggested topics.

Questions on the Drinking Water Program may be emailed to Kelley Meccia Kelley.Meccia@dep.nj.gov or Joanna Caporossi joanna.caporossi@dep.nj.gov
Site Remediation & Waste Management Program (SRWMP): Amy Bowman (NJDEP-SRP) provided an update.

Remediation standards FAQ has been posted to the SRP website.

LSRP exam is scheduled for April 2022

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

New Business:

No Update

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:

The OQA Website is up to date.

Meeting Schedule: The Meeting was adjourned at 9:58 am with a motion by Nick Straccione (EMSL) and seconded by Eileen Synder (Alpha). The next scheduled ELAC Meeting will be held on November 4, 2021, at 9:30am, via Microsoft Teams. Those planning to attend must email the ELAC Chair or secretary.

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