



Environmental Laboratory Advisory Committee (ELAC) Approved Meeting Minutes: January 9, 2014

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Administrative Business:

The meeting was called to order at 9:30am by the ELAC Chair, Eileen Snyder (Alpha Analytical). Meeting Minutes were recorded by the ELAC Secretary, Dorothy Love (Eurofins Lancaster Labs Env). The December 2013 ELAC Meeting Minutes were approved, with a motion by Lauren Jenkins (IAL), with the motion seconded by Charles Anzolut (Agra Environmental).

Environmental Laboratory Certification Program (ECLP): A program update was provided by Debra Waller (NJDEP-OQA).

The Standard Methods MUR summary tables are not yet ready for the ELAC committee to review. Deb plans to have them ready for the February ELAC meeting. A subcommittee [consisting of Lauren Jenkins, Oommen Kappil, Les Glessner, and Dorothy Love] was established to review the tables and provide feedback. The subcommittee will plan to meet in March immediately after the ELAC meeting.

The EPA has posted the list of laboratories that are approved for cryptosporidium analysis. However, please note that for NJ sample testing, the laboratory must be NJ certified/accredited for the testing. If not then the data cannot be used to establish compliance. So if a laboratory is listed in the website and is not NJ certified/accredited it cannot be used for NJ sample analysis.

Proficiency Test (PT) Program: A program update was provided by Debra Waller (NJDEP-OQA).

The OQA website has been updated for all PT information. <http://www.nj.gov/dep/oqa/samples.html> The PT section has been revised with updated content, a PT calendar, and downloadable template letters. Please watch study dates closely to ensure that the closing dates will meet the reporting date requirements.

Less Glessner (Landis Sewerage Authority) noted that he was informed by Advanced Analyte Solutions (a PT provider from WV) that they do not have a product to cover total solids by method 2540G. Debra Waller will check into this further but stated that the 2540B product could be used for 2540G.

Questions on the PT Program may be emailed to Rachel Ellis (NJDEP-OQA) at: rachel.ellis@dep.state.nj.us

The NELAC Institute (TNI): A program update was provided by Debra Waller (NJDEP-OQA).

The next meeting is in Louisville KY on January 27-30, 2014. NJDEP-OQA plans to participate in the January 2014 TNI Meeting.

Sludge / Biosolids: No program updates were reported.

Division of Water Supply/Safe Drinking Water: Program updates were provided by Linda Bonnette (NJDEP-BSDW).

Training sessions have been set for the information discussed at the December ELAC meeting relative to the sent a **Notice of Disinfection Residual Monitoring and Compliance** Requirements for Water Systems that Purchase Surface Water or Purchase Ground Water under the Direct Influence of Surface Water, including Purchases Made to Supplement Ground water Wells (letter from Karen Fell, NJDEP-ELAC Meeting Minutes December 2013_draft 2 BSDW, dated November 29, 2013), and the updated Disinfectant Residuals Reporting Form (BSDW 25, Revised 10/2013). There are 3 sessions scheduled: 2/19 in East Hanover, 2/20 and 2/25 in Hightstown. Register at www.njwater.org/index.php/training-reg. A copy of the Nov. 29th letter and updated Form were attached to the December minutes. Please direct questions and comments to NJDEP-BSDW by Phone: 609-292-5550, or Email: Kristin.Tedesco@dep.state.nj.us or Felicia.Fieo@dep.state.nj.us. Charles Anzolut (Agra Environmental) noted that when he downloaded the form, all fields were editable. Linda will look into this issue as this should not be the case.

The BSDW roundtable, originally planned for March, will be later in the Spring.

Site Remediation Program: No report from NJDEP

Please note that there was a listserv communication in mid-December http://www.state.nj.us/dep/srp/srra/listserv_archives/2013/20131213_srra.html in which the attenuation factor to be applied to groundwater criteria was changed from 13 to 20. These are EPA changes that are incorporated into the NJ program as guidance. The impact is to groundwater and soil screening levels; however, the reporting limits actually increase with the factor change so it should not be an issue for labs to meet the RLs.

New Business / Electronic Data Deliverables Subcommittee: An update for the SRP-EDD Subcommittee was provided by Henry Kindervatter and Roger Page (NJDEP-SRP-BIS).

The analyte/CAS # table is being routed within NJDEP for feedback to be sure that the tables can be easily searched and are accurate. Due to vacations and holidays, no feedback has been received yet. Once the internal review is complete, the tables will be sent to labs for input.

NJDEP inquired as to what sources labs use to find CAS numbers. The labs in attendance noted EPA SRS and NIST websites. NJDEP is using the IUPAC naming and a hierarchy of webpages to populate the names and CAS numbers. If the labs have a different name they can provide this to NJDEP through the system.

NJDEP would like the labs to provide the code/structure that they use for the HazEDD rather than just working with what has been provided in the past. The labs suggested that NJDEP provide a format for completion to ensure that they get the information in the same order form all labs.

NJDEP will send out a PowerPoint presentation that they had presented in the past explaining this process and the changes that are being implemented. Labs can provide feedback on that information.

Again, concerns were brought up by the labs regarding consistency across programs (permits, QAPPs, drinking water, SRP guidance docs, etc.) in ensuring that the names and CAS #s are consistent.

Questions and comments may be directed to Andy Geary (NJDEP-SRP-BIS) at: andy.geary@dep.state.nj.us

Communications / OQA Website:

ELAC Chair, Eileen Snyder (Alpha Analytical) reported that the NJDEP-OQA **website** has been updated to include the ELAC Meeting Minutes for November 2013. ELAC members and stakeholders are encouraged to sign up for both the NJDEP-OQA and NJDEP-SRP listserv options to receive email notifications from NJDEP.

Meeting Schedule: The Meeting was adjourned with a motion by Charles Anzolut (Agra Environmental), and seconded by Steve Reduker (IAL). The next scheduled ELAC Meeting will be held on **Thursday, February 13, 2014 at 9:30AM**, at NJDEP, 401 East State Street, **5th Floor Conference Room** in Trenton, New Jersey. Those planning to attend must email the ELAC Secretary, Dorothy Love at: dorothylove@eurofinsUS.com by Friday, January 31, 2014.

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