



## Environmental Laboratory Advisory Committee (ELAC) Final Meeting Minutes: December 11, 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 taken by the ELAC Secretary, Dorothy Love (Eurofins Lancaster Labs Env). The November 2014 ELAC Meeting Minutes were approved, with a motion by Greg Tomkovich (Accutest) and seconded by Oommen Kappil (QC Labs).

**Environmental Laboratory Certification Program (ECLP):** A program update was provided by Rachel Ellis (NJDEP-OQA).

A proposed revision to NJAC 7:18 was published on 11/17/14. The comment period closes on January 16, 2015. Once finalized, these changes will go in effect with the FY16 renewals, mailed out in 2015. Information has been sent out by listserv and the documents are posted at [www.nj.gov/dep/rules](http://www.nj.gov/dep/rules) and [www.lexisnexis.com/njoal](http://www.lexisnexis.com/njoal).

The department has received approval to hire two new assessors.

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

The website has been updated with the 2015 schedule for NJ ELAP accredited labs. NELAP labs need to follow the TNI schedule. Please note that any NELAP labs that shift their schedule are to notify Rachel Ellis.

Letters regarding the wastewater study will be sent out the 1<sup>st</sup> week in January. The study will be in March.

Please note that any labs accredited for chlorine SM 4500 Cl-G need to analyze the regular chlorine PT, not the low level PT. The low level PT is only needed for the EPA low level method (EPA 330).

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

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

[Dr. Mike Miller, MW Miller Environmental] The program uses 3rd Party Accreditor organizations to accredit Field Sampling and Measurement Organizations (FSMO) to the FSMO Standard. No State uses the Standard at this time. FSMOs have been slow to apply for accreditation. The NEFAP executive committee is working on guidance materials for the Standard.

[Dorothy Love, Eurofins Lancaster Labs Environmental] noted that the Chemistry Committee has posted a working draft standard of the TNI Volume 1 Module 4 section 1.5.2 for LODs/LOQs. A webinar will be held on December 12, 2014 at 11:00 EST. See <http://www.nelac-institute.org/cms/posts/1415760990.php>. In addition, voting is open for the proposed changes to the TNI Calibration Standards Volume 1 Module 2 section 1.7. You must be a member to vote and all votes/comments need to be submitted through the TNI website by Jan. 17<sup>th</sup>.

**Sludge / Biosolids:** No program updates were reported. For questions regarding this program contact Anthony Pilawski at [Anthony.Pilawski@dep.nj.gov](mailto:Anthony.Pilawski@dep.nj.gov), 609-633-3823.

**Division of Water Supply/Safe Drinking Water:** An update was provided by Linda Bonnette (NJ BSDW).

Linda noted that there are no updates to the BSDW program at this time. Mark Feitelson (Precision Analytical) reported that the Private Well Testing Act (PwTA) has a 5 ppb MCL for Lead; however, some county health departments are using a 10 ppb MCL. Linda Bonnette will look into this.

Questions on the Drinking Water Program may be emailed to Linda Bonnette (NJDEP-BSDW) at: [linda.bonnette@dep.nj.gov](mailto:linda.bonnette@dep.nj.gov)

**Site Remediation Program:** No update was provided from the DEP.

**New Business:**

Elections were held for the 2015 NJ ELAC officers.

Harvey Klein (Garden State Labs) made a motion to elect the current nominees of Eileen Snyder (Alpha Analytical) for chair and Dorothy Love (Eurofins Lancaster) for secretary. The nomination was seconded by Mark Feitelson (Precision Analytical). The motion was approved by the committee.

**Subcommittees:**

**MUR Subcommittee:** No update was provided by NJ DEP

**Electronic Data Deliverables Subcommittee:** An update for the SRP-EDD Subcommittee was provided by Roger Page and Ken Liao (NJDEP-SRP-BIS).

NJ DEP's management review of the proposed qualifiers is still in progress.

An upload portal is in development to enable LSRPs to load their Remedial Investigation Reports (RIRs). Harvey Klein (Garden State Labs) questioned the inability to upload from Macintosh computer generated spreadsheets to the NJ DEP interfaces such as E2 and PWTA and whether or not this would be addressed under the EDD changes. Ken Liao responded that the department does not have the ability to test on Macintosh computers; therefore, it is not part of the development process.

Questions and comments may be directed to Andy Geary (NJDEP-SRP-BIS) at: [andy.geary@dep.nj.gov](mailto:andy.geary@dep.nj.gov)

**Communications / OQA Website:**

ELAC Chair, Eileen Snyder (Alpha Analytical) reported that the NJDEP-OQA **website** is up to date with the minutes and the 2015 meeting calendar. 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 Dr. Mike Miller (MW Miller Environmental) and seconded by Greg Tomkovich (Accutest). The next scheduled ELAC Meeting will be held on **Thursday January 8, 2015 at 9:30AM**, at NJDEP, 401 East State Street, **5<sup>th</sup> Floor Conference Room** in Trenton, New Jersey. Those planning to attend must email the ELAC Secretary, Dorothy Love at: [dorothylove@eurofinsUS.com](mailto:dorothylove@eurofinsUS.com) by Monday, December 29, 2014.

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