



## Environmental Laboratory Advisory Committee (ELAC) Final Meeting Minutes: March 12, 2015

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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 Dorothy Love (Eurofins Lancaster Labs Env). The February 2015 ELAC Meeting Minutes were approved, with a motion by Rose Koplin (Accredited Analytical Resources) and seconded by Steve Reduker (IAL).

**Environmental Laboratory Certification Program (ECLP):** An update was provided by Paula Blaze (NJDEP-OQA).

The rule adoption is with the Governor and that we're anticipating an April 20, 2015 NJ register publication. The proposal can still be viewed on the Department's rule webpage and the adoption document will also be posted there and sent out via listserv once it is published in the register. There are no changes to the original document except two minor corrections.

Because of the rule adoption processing, renewals are delayed this year and are planned to be mailed by the end of April. Labs should have received notification letters about this and a listserv with this notice will also be going out.

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

**Proficiency Test (PT) Program:** An update was provided by Paula Blaze (NJDEP-OQA).

The drinking water PT results are due to the office by close of business on March 27.

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):** An update was provided by Dorothy Love (Eurofins Lancaster Labs Environmental).

TNI is hosting two webinars to present information on the EPA's proposed 2015 Method Update Rule and the proposed revision to the MDL procedure. The MUR webinar is scheduled for March 26<sup>th</sup> and the MDL webinar is scheduled for April 8<sup>th</sup>. Additional details and registration information is provided at <http://www.nelac-institute.org/content/eds-home.php>.

The next TNI meeting is the week of July 13<sup>th</sup> in Chicago

**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.

Charles Anzolut (Agra Environmental) noted that renewals for SQAR work were sent out in December. There were some scheduling changes and potential analyte changes. Laboratories may get calls from clients on this program.

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

On March 3<sup>rd</sup>, an email was sent to all drinking water laboratories regarding the 2/27/15 revision of the E2 Quick Reference Guide. If you did not receive this email, contact Linda Bonnette as there were some issues with the email list. The guide is available on the Drinking Water Supply Website, [nj.gov/dep/watersupply](http://nj.gov/dep/watersupply). Changes in this revision include the following:

- All groundwater related assessment samples must be submitted through E2 now. This covers microbiology testing on well water.
- Gross alpha method entry (see February minutes for details)
- Designation of a water system as inactive can be made by the testing provider or the water system through E2. This inactive notification is needed to prevent issuance of a noncompliance notice.

Mark Feitelson (Precision Analytical) brought up a concern with the ability to access GPS locator corrections from the base stations. It seems to be an issue with GeoExplorer 3 Pathfinder software. Linda 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.

NJDEP is progressing with re-adoption of the Remediation Standards Rule (N.J.A.C. 7:26D) with no changes before the rule sunsets in June 2015. Subsequent amendments will be processed to allow more time to address any needed changes or clarifications.

**Subcommittees:**

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

**Electronic Data Deliverables Subcommittee:** An update for the SRP-EDD Subcommittee was provided by Andy Geary (NJDEP-SRP-BIS).

The laboratory data qualifiers provided in Attachment 1 of the February minutes are finalized.

Attachment 2 from the February minutes addresses validation qualifiers. Following the March meeting, this information was distributed to some data validators for their review/feedback. Feedback was requested to be submitted prior to the April meeting.

The Remedial Investigation Report (RIR) service is to be released this month. The next step is to develop a Remedial Action Work Plan service.

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 Charles Anzolut (Agra Environmental) and seconded by Mark Feitelson (Precision Analytical). The next scheduled ELAC Meeting will be held on **Thursday April 9, 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 Tuesday, March 31, 2015.

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