



## Environmental Laboratory Advisory Committee (ELAC) FINAL(Revised) Meeting Minutes March 9, 2023

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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 (Pace), ELAC secretary. This meeting was held via Microsoft Teams.

The February ELAC Meeting Minutes were approved with a motion by Steve Reduker (IAL) and seconded by Eileen Synder (Alpha).

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

Renewals are due back by 4/1/23, reminder to send the renewal checks to Dept of the Treasury and documents to OQA. (This only applies to renewals)

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:** Rachel Ellis (NJDEP-OQA) provided an update.

ELAC will be requesting an additional public meeting on the updates to the rule proposal.

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

DW study started 1/1 due 3/11

Air study started 1/1 due 3/25

NPW started 3/1 due 5/13

2023 PT dates are published on the OQA website.

<https://dep.nj.gov/dsr/oqa/proficiency-testing/>

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):**

No Update

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

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

No update on the release of the EPA PFAS MCL proposal. [This was released by the EPA after the meeting on 3/14/23 and distributed to ELAC via email]

Questions on the Drinking Water Program may be emailed to Kelley 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):** Chelsea Bray (NJDEP-SRP) provided an update.

No Update

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

### **New Business:**

Discussion on the grant program being offered to child care centers by the NJ Department of Children and Families and its impact to laboratories. The letter sent by the department was distributed to ELAC members via email on 3/9/23.

### **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:**

ELAC website is up to date.

<https://dep.nj.gov/dsr/oqa/elac/>

### **Meeting Schedule:**

The Meeting was adjourned at 9:50 am with a motion by Paul Maide (APL-Pace) and seconded by Frank Moderna (Aqua PA).

The next scheduled ELAC Meeting will be held on **April 13, 2022, at 9:30am**, via Microsoft Teams. **Those planning to attend must email the ELAC chair or secretary.**

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