



Environmental Laboratory Advisory Committee (ELAC) FINAL Meeting Minutes February 8, 2024

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Administrative Business:

The meeting was called to order at 9:30am by ELAC Chair, Rose Koplin (Accredited) Meeting minutes were taken by Steve Witkowski (Pace). This meeting was held via Microsoft Teams.

The January ELAC Meeting Minutes were approved with a motion by Frank Moderna (Suburban) and seconded by Steve Reduker (IAL).

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

Renewals will be out the last week in February or 1st week in March

The following was distributed by email after the meeting:

“NJ cert for EPA 1633 must still be listed as user defined until such time it is promulgated through either a Federal or State rule. The current listings will be changed so that they no longer state “draft” and labs will be required to follow the final version by July 1, 2024.”

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.

OQA is currently reviewing to go back to legal.

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

DW is open, due 3/15

NPW letters are out, open 3/1, due 5/10

SCM opens 4/1, due 6/22

AE is open, due 3/29

2024 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.

The NELAC Institute (TNI):

The PFAS PT table was sent back to the PT committee for revision.

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

Division of Water Supply/Safe Drinking Water:

Waiting on USEPA for final PFAS rule. The possibility of having a laboratory roundtable was suggested, please let Kelley know of 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

Contaminated Site Remediation & Redevelopment (CSRR): Chelsea McGovern (NJDEP-CSRR) provided an update.

Regarding the question received before the meeting concerning vinyl chloride, EPA 524.2 in SIM mode cannot be used. EPA 624.1 or SW-846 8260D should be used.

There will be a 60-day comment period on the NJDEP GWQS rule proposal.

Questions on the CSRR program may be emailed to Greg Toffoli at greg.toffoli@dep.nj.gov. or Chelsea McGovern, Chelsea.mcgovern@dep.nj.gov

New Business:

None

EDD Subcommittee

No updates. 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:

ELAC website is currently up to date.

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

The attached link can be followed to review SRAG meeting agendas and presentations.

https://www.nj.gov/dep/srp/srra/stakeholder/cvp_srag/

Meeting Schedule:

The Meeting was adjourned at 9:49 am with a motion by Nick Straccione (EMSL). and seconded by Steve Reduker (IAL).

The next scheduled ELAC Meeting will be held on **March 14, 2024, at 9:30am**, via Microsoft Teams. **Those planning to attend must email the ELAC chair or secretary.**

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