



Environmental Laboratory Advisory Committee (ELAC) FINAL Meeting Minutes March 14, 2024

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Administrative Business:

The meeting was called to order at 9:35am 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 Harvy Klein (Garden State) and seconded by Paul Maide (Pace).

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

Renewals are out and are due 4/1, notify Rachel if they have not been received.

No guarantee that they will be processed in time if received late.

Reminder to make personnel changes in accordance with NJAC.

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 is open, 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 FoPT 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:

Letters have been going out to PWS concerning RLs. Labs have not been notified. There is a request to communicate to the certified laboratory community.

No update on the USEPA PFAS regulations.

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.

1,4-Dioxane isotope dilution via 8270E is permitted if the laboratory holds certification for the method/technique.

Much discussion on the GW rule proposal and if the proposed levels will be achievable by the laboratories. Limits were based on 5x the MDL determined by the NJDOH laboratory.

Will SIM be an option and will it require an additional certification?

Will a drinking water method be appropriate to achieve the detection limits?

When will the rule proposal go into effect with a 6 month phase in period?

Rose will be collecting comments from ELAC members to submit as part of the comment process. Please forward any proposed comments to Rose by 4/2.

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 10:01 am with a motion by Paul Maide (Pace). and seconded by Steve Reduker (IAL).

The next scheduled ELAC Meeting will be held on **April 11, 2024, at 9:30am**, via Microsoft Teams. **Those planning to attend must email the ELAC chair or secretary.**

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