



Environmental Laboratory Advisory Committee (ELAC) FINAL Meeting Minutes January 9, 2025

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Administrative Business:

The meeting was called to order at 9:31am by ELAC Chair, Rose Koplin (Accredited). Meeting minutes were taken by Steve Witkowski (Pace). This meeting was held via Microsoft Teams.

The December ELAC Meeting Minutes were approved with a motion by Nick Straccione (EMSL) and seconded by Harvy Klein (Garden State).

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

During the next renewal cycle ACPLs will be updated with methods from the last finalized MUR and the older versions will be removed. Laboratories will need to be in compliance with the new methods by July 1, 2025.

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.

No additional update. OQA's response has been finalized and is over to legal with a publication date in the NJ register targeted for summer 2025.

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

DW open 1/1/25, due 3/14/25

WP opens 3/1/25, due 5/9/25

Sigma Aldrich is no longer providing PT samples.

The updated FoPT containing PFAS is live for DW, keep in mind that NJ has a longer analyte list. The analytes on the FoPT will have to be analyzed twice per year.

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):

Winter conference February 3-6, 2025 in Jacksonville, FL.

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

Division of Water Supply/Safe Drinking Water: Kelley Meccia (NJDEP-BSDW) provided an update.

Rule making required for the new USEPA PFAS MCL will be progressing through focus groups prior to the rule proposal and rule making process.

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.

Updates to the DKQP tables are being worked on currently to update to the most current method.

Question about the PFAS surface water quality standards and low levels proposed. Can any lab reach these levels? Will ELAC make a statement?

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:

No Update

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 10:00am with a motion by Nick Straccione (EMSL) and seconded by Paul Maide (Pace).

The next scheduled ELAC Meeting will be held on **February 13, 2025, at 9:30am**, via Microsoft Teams. **Those planning to attend must email the ELAC chair or secretary.**

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