



Environmental Laboratory Advisory Committee (ELAC) FINAL Meeting Minutes February 13, 2025

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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 Eileen Synder (Pace) and seconded by Nick Straccione (EMSL).

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

Renewals will be mailed by 2/28/2025 and are due back to OQA by 4/1/25 with payments received by treasury by 3/31/25. The methods from the last MUR will be included, however changes from the current proposed MUR will not. 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.

Reminder to report PTs as listed on the lab's ACPL.

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

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

Air opens 1/1/25, due 3/28/25

2025 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.

No Update

Questions on the Drinking Water Program may be emailed to Kelley Meccia Kelley.Meccia@dep.nj.gov or Chase Ballas chase.ballas@dep.nj.gov

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

The new GWQS was adopted on 2/3/25. SWQS for PFOA/PFOS is in a 60 day comment period.

The DKQP is currently being revised with new methods and updates to current methods.

Refer to the field sampling guide for the current inconsistency regarding the 4-day handling time.

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 9:55am with a motion by Paul Maide (Pace) and seconded by Eileen Synder (Pace).

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

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