



Environmental Laboratory Advisory Committee (ELAC) FINAL Meeting Minutes May 8, 2025

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Administrative Business:

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

The April ELAC Meeting Minutes were approved with revisions 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 start to go out on 6/1 in the order they were received.
Labs are required to be in compliance with new methods by 7/1.

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.

The rule is through legal review with a target publication in the NJ register in June 2025.
There will be a 60-day comment period after publication in the register.

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

WP opens 3/1/25, due 5/9/25
SCM opens 4/1/25, due 6/19/25
DW opens 7/1/25, due 9/5/25

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):

Next conference is August 4-7, 2025 in St. Louis, MO.

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

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

Lab focus groups to be formed shortly in regard to PFAS MCL updates.
E-2 Quick Reference Guide to be updated to clean up formatting and remove outdated information.
SIDWIS to calculate Hazard Index, not Lab calculated.

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

Contaminated Site Remediation & Redevelopment (CSRR): Chelsea McGovern (NJDEP-CSRR) provided an update.
Making final adjustments to DKQP table updates, stakeholder meetings next month in June 2025.

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:

Question about chlorine meter external calibrations. Blank and 3 standards allowed for field meters, gel standards allowed.

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 9:52am with a motion by Nick Straccione (EMSL) and seconded by Paul Maide (Pace).

The next scheduled ELAC Meeting will be held on **May 8, 2025 at 9:30am**, via Microsoft Teams. **Those planning to attend must email the ELAC chair or secretary.**

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