

CONNECTICUT ENVIRONMENTAL LABORATORY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MEETING MINUTES

January 20, 2006

Attendees: Abdel Halim El-Sayed	MDC – Microbiologist
Phil Rusconi	Premier Laboratories
Jeffrey Curran	Dept. of Public Health
Richard Kobylenski	The Home Analyst
Kim Maloney	Town of Wallingford
Laura Rival	Town of Manchester
Barbara Obert	Baron Consulting Co.
Phil Schlossberg	Dept. of Public Health
Kevin Miller	Fuss & O'Neill Inc.
Peter Frick	STL Connecticut

Administrative:

1. The meeting was called to order at 9:32 AM.
2. Acceptance of November meeting minutes. Minutes accepted and seconded. Jeff Curran submitted the last three meeting minutes for placement on the website.
3. (Phil R) Bert Gueser has an excused absence.

Old Business:

Introduction to CT Bureau Chiefs

4. (Phil) Letter of introduction was officially sent out. Most of the replies came from the Water Supplies Division. They conveyed that they welcomed the service.

Jeff Curran's Update

5. (Jeff) Preservation of soil is on the EPOC website. The comment period lasts until February 17th. The committee will meet again on February 21st. It will go into effect on March 1st and it is strongly advised that the method is used.
6. TO-13,15,17 will be on the website next week. There will be a three month comment period.
7. The MCL for arsenic in drinking water drops to 10 ppb. GFAA and hydride are the only acceptable methods.
8. (Laura) Does the preservation method apply to TCLP on sludge?
9. (Jeff) Call the contract laboratory for the correct procedure.
10. (Jeff) DEP is looking to replace the ETPH method. Risk assessors need to know the toxicity. The Massachusetts method may be used.

New Business:

11. **Laura Rival has announced her retirement.** Laura is a valuable member of the committee and she will be sorely missed. You Go Laura!
12. The committee congratulates and welcomes Peter Frick as a new member.

New Members Drive:

13. (Phil) Response from the new member drive has mostly been from Lab Directors.
14. (Abdel) Analysts do not have the authority to get involved. The committee could ask the directors to nominate analysts. He highly recommends Dr. Ullman for the committee.
15. (Kevin) If the committee consists of all lab directors then it won't have the benefit of being multi-functional. The end user is not represented i.e. remediation and industrial.
16. (Richard K) Mentioned that he considered resigning also, because of the nature of the discussions that he did not have expertise in.
17. Richard Kobylenski is on an official excused absence until either he decides to attend or he is asked.

Future Agendas for Committee:

18. (Phil) The trend of the committee has changed since the onset. The goals are more than changing methodology. There is a larger global focus to influence lawmakers. There is an overlap between this committee and the Lab Ops Committee.
19. (Laura) There is a rules and regulations committee.
20. (Jeff) The original inception of the group due to NELAC since the future for NELAC was questionable. A worthwhile project for the committee to undertake would be revamping the regulations. It may be necessary to change the make-up of the committee at the same time. NY, MA and PA have very active private organizations. **Will ask Seth Molovsky from EP Org. of CT to give some guidance on what it will take to create a laboratory subcommittee.**
21. (Laura) There is nothing that says the committee has to continue.
22. (Kevin) In regards to moving NPDES labs under Health Department jurisdiction, the committee could make recommendations to the DEP and Health Department.
23. (Abdel) No objective was assigned after NELAC and our reactions to the different issues have been after the fact. We should start with two objectives.
24. (Laura) Would like to see more frequent meetings.
25. (Phil) Made a motion to have the two objectives for the committee to work on is 1. Rewrite Environmental Laboratory Regulations 2. Rewrite the Connecticut General Statute that enable this regulation. All were in favor. **Jeff will provide the number of the enabling statute.**
26. (Phil) Laboratory ethics will included as a standing agenda item.

Establishing Committee Members Term Limits:

27. (Phil) Amend By-Laws to reflect last paragraph of Jeff's regulation. **Kim will email a notice of this amendment to each committee member.**

28. (Laura) Motion to hold election for a new chair, vice chair, and secretary.
Motion seconded and accepted.
29. (Phil) Will accept nominations by e-mail.
30. A meeting schedule was established which designates the first Friday of every month starting March 3rd. The decision was unanimous.
31. (Abdel) Feels definitions should be created for the qualifications required to work as a microbiologist or a chemist.

Voting For New Members:

32. Phil R. presented three applicants for committee vote, David Ditta, Gregory Laurence and William Ullman. Gregory Laurence and William Ullman were voted in.
33. (Phil) Will notify the two people of their membership.
34. Meeting adjourned at 11:50PM. Next meeting is March 3rd at 9:30AM at the MDC Training Center.

Submitted by: Kim Maloney