

CONNECTICUT ENVIRONMENTAL LABORATORY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MEETING MINUTES

January 25, 2008

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| Attendees: Phil Rusconi | Premier Laboratories |
| Jeffrey Curran | Dept. of Public Health |
| Kim Maloney | Town of Wallingford |
| Dermot Jones | Dept. of Public Health |
| Philip Schlossberg | Dept. of Public Health |
| Barbara Obert | Baron Consulting |
| Bert Geuser | ACT |
| Kevin Miller | Fuss & O'Neill Inc. |
| Peter Frick | TestAmerica |
| Donna Ruokonen | TestAmerica |
| Garrett Johnson | Northeast Laboratories |

Administrative:

1. The meeting was called to order at 9:35 AM.
2. Dr. Xie, and Greg Lawrence had excused absences. Terry Spalletta did not attend.
3. The November minutes were accepted as written.
4. The meeting was adjourned at 12:00pm.

Election of Officers

5. Peter Frick nominated as Chairman, seconded and accepted.
6. Donna Ruokonen nominated as Vice Chairman, seconded and accepted.
7. Garrett Johnson nominated as Secretary, seconded and accepted.

Old Business:

8. (Jeff) Draft RSRs have still not been released.
9. (Pete) What the EPH/VPH method?
10. (Jeff) An RCP version of the EPH/VPH method has been written and is in review with the DEP. Connecticut will offer certification for this method. It is likely that it won't be released until the revised RSRs are published.
11. (Bert) Heard that there has been some rethinking of these limits particularly related to the sediment numbers.

DPH Update

12. (Jeff) The DPH has their EPA audit in February. The state lab has temporarily lost its asbestos in water certification because of the needed repair of an electron microscope. The parts are on order.
13. (Jeff) The EPA has issued a memorandum concerning MDLs and reporting limits for wastewater. The note was just released and I have forwarded the note to all for review.
14. (Phil S) The state laboratory is looking for a new director.

15. (Jeff) Katie Kelly who had been the laboratory director passed away recently, so the state is actively looking for a replacement. She was nationally known and will be difficult to replace.
16. (Jeff) The EPA has adopted QASR for the national lead laboratory approval. The AIHA runs this program; A2LA may be in this role going forward. This certification is required for lead testing of any federally funded HUD work. In Connecticut all children will be tested twice by the time they are 2 for lead. The state is staffing for the additional volume of lead samples. The current action level for lead in blood is 20ug/dL and by 2010 will be lowered to 10ug/dL.
17. (Donna) The lead level may be from the mother and not directly environmental.
18. (Barbara) Barron's was on this list but what happens is you get one or two samples and end up running a very extensive list of QC samples making it financially unattractive.
19. (Kevin) Attended a lead symposium in Philadelphia and lead levels as low as 1-2 ug/dL may result in learning disabilities.
20. (Jeff) Lead also has been connected to aggressive behavior. That is why lead was banned from gasoline and paint. The lead paint ban was 1978.
21. (Kevin) Locally projects may have HUD funding and being on the HUD list would be a requirement.
22. (Jeff) I have been asked to write LEP test questions on QAQC as related to the RCP for the DEP. About two dozen questions have been submitted, but I don't know if they will make to the exam.
23. (Bert) The RCP and RSR lists don't match. Was there any discussion about this?
24. (Jeff) They used to match. The LEPs that I spoke with determined analytical lists depending on the phase 1 assessment. If a great deal was known about the site a short list was acceptable in their eyes.
25. (Bert) The DEP has recently issued a new general permit on the reuse of coal ash.

New Business

26. (All) Decided to meet four more times in 2008.

Subcommittee Notes

27. (All) We continued the page by page review of the draft and noted edits for Jeff Curran.
28. (All) Agreed to review pages via email and send comments back to Jeff Curran. We may go to conference calls rather than meeting if required to resolve editing issues (months when no meeting is scheduled).

Remaining 2007 Scheduled Meeting Dates:

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| March 13 th | Wallingford WTP |
| May 15 th | Wallingford WTP |
| September 19 th | Hartford DPH |
| November 21 st | TBD |