

CONNECTICUT ENVIRONMENTAL LABORATORY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MEETING MINUTES

March 18, 2013

Attendees: Dermot Jones	Dept. of Public Health
Phil Schlossberg	Dept. of Public Health
Barbara Obert	Baron Consulting
Bert Geuser	Analytical Consulting
Kim Maloney	Town of Wallingford
Kathy Shaw	Conestoga-Rovers & Associates
Greg Lawrence	Phoenix Laboratories
Bob Rostkowski	MDC
Steve Franco	Connecticut Testing Laboratories
Robert Bradley	

Administrative:

1. The meeting was called to order at 9:30 AM.
2. Motion to accept minutes from November 26, 2012. Minutes were accepted.
3. Greg – Circulated the committee's roster at the meeting so that email, phone and organization could be updated

State Update

1. ETPH action level is set at 0.25 mg/L, however, it is up to the consultant to go further.
2. Dermot – RSRs Guidance draft is posted on DEEP website.
3. Steve Franco – In lieu of biosuitability testing of distilled water, TOC and NH₃ can be analyzed monthly.
4. Dermot – Table 1080 in Standard Methods can be referenced for this requirement.

Discussion Topics

5. MDLs are required for major instrumentation for certification. This may change in 2014. IC requires MDL and so does 624/625.
6. LOD and LOQ is a NELAC requirement. LOQ is a once per year requirement. The study to determine LOD is vague in NELAC.
7. Bert – We use the 40 CFR method. Reasonable detection limits should be the goal. We need a uniform set of limits.
8. Dermot – Need to have a policy for MDL maybe with new instrumentation or new analyst.
9. Bob – MDLs are still required in wastewater methods.

10. Bert – Shared the website www.mela.org/meetings/042309/588-611-09presentation.pdf APHL – Detection Limits. Gives NELAC definitions of LOD.
11. Greg – Suggests making a draft policy for LOD and LOQ.
12. Dermot – Handed out Action Level List for Private Wells and Reporting Limits for Organic Chemicals. Reporting limits are the MDLs. Department of Public Health would like labs to report to them information regarding private wells testing. At this time, I don't believe there is anything up and running. At present, labs cannot submit results electronically for private well water testing.
13. Greg – Reporting limits should be the lowest concentration in the curve.
14. Bob – Reporting limit is the lowest standard.
15. Dermot – Distributed Arsenic and Uranium Testing Recommended for Private Wells. Suggested that this letter be mailed out along with lab reports.

New Business

16. Bert – DEEP has been undertaking a Comprehensive Evaluation and Transformation of CT Clean Up Laws. This is an attempt to simplify and rectify issues to the Property Transfer Act program. To be replaced by the Spill Reporting Act. Some issues with that are 1) DEEP will be attempting to classify spills, i.e. imminent hazard 2) spills in containment areas will need to be reported and 3) all information will be made public on a website.
17. Bert – A new version of the Metal Finishing Pretreatment Permits is about to be released.
18. Meeting adjourned 11:23am.