

CONNECTICUT ENVIRONMENTAL LABORATORY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MEETING MINUTES

March 16, 2015

Attendees: Dermot Jones	Dept. of Public Health
Phil Schlossberg	Dept. of Public Health
Barbara Obert	Baron Consulting
Kate Engler	Apex Company
Bob Bradley	York Analytical
Kim Maloney	Town of Wallingford
Kathy Shaw	Conestoga-Rovers & Associates
Greg Lawrence	Phoenix Laboratories
Bob Rostkowski	The Metropolitan District
Lisa Montgomery	Premier Laboratories

Administrative:

1. The meeting was called to order at 9:35 AM.
2. Kim Maloney made a motion to accept the minutes from our November 10, 2014 meeting and seconded by Bob Bradley. Minutes were unanimously accepted.
3. Greg Lawrence made a motion to elect new officers for the coming year.
 - A. Bob Bradley volunteered to chair the committee, seconded by Greg Lawrence and unanimously approved.
 - B. Kim Maloney volunteered to remain as vice chair.
 - C. Bob Rostkowski volunteered to remain as secretary

State Update:

1. Regulations were still under review but language regarding clinical labs was removed. The regulations were in the Office of Policy Management then will go to the Governor's Office then be public noticed in the CT Law Journal
2. Statues were discussed:
 - a. Exemptions have been made to allow for a very specific list of analysis to be conducted at WPC labs rather than certified labs
 - b. DEEP was said to have hired a new inspector that might be able to focus more on lab analysis at a treatment plant rather than plant operations
3. RCP discussion:
 - a. Reporting limits (RLs) can change due to solid content yet some LEPs think that all labs should met a specific RL versus knowing that the RL can change

- b. Further clarification on the matter could result in the view that things will be better

Trip Blanks Draft Letter:

1. Trip blank issues were discussed
 - a. Hold times start when: trip blank prepared; trip blank leaves lab; samples are taken (consensus – hold time start when samples are taken)
 - b. Further discussion ensued regarding practicality of work (i.e. if they are made in batches, labs may want to perform analysis on the trip blank before it goes out to ensure quality)
 - c. Dermot shared some background about a lab that had been exceeding hold times
 - d. Kim added her thought that it was the lab's responsibility to provide clean trip blanks to its customers
2. Greg requested that the committee formalize trip blank guidance (items from last set of minutes) and have them issued by DPH

New Business:

1. Bob Bradley requested that we clarify terms MDL, LOD and LOQ for the purpose of the RCPs
2. New info on EPA Methods 624.1, 625.1 and 608

Adjournment:

1. Meeting adjourned 11:25 AM
2. Next meeting 8 June 2015