

# CONNECTICUT ENVIRONMENTAL LABORATORY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

## MEETING MINUTES

November 18, 2013

<b>Attendees:</b> Dermot Jones	Dept. of Public Health
Phil Schlossberg	Dept. of Public Health
Jeff Curran	State Public Health Laboratory
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
Robert Bradley	York Analytical Laboratory
Lisa Montgomery	Premier Laboratories

### **Administrative:**

1. The meeting was called to order at 9:10 AM.
2. Motion to accept minutes from September 30, 2013. Minutes were accepted.

### **State Update**

“Are the results for PTs based on the results of participants or already established?”

1. Dermot – The range is already established. If a lab’s result is close (off by 0.1 for instance) due to difficult matrix, provider issues, method differences, laboratory can contest and can ask for a hearing.
2. Bob – Can a lab retest without prejudice?
3. Dermot – No.
4. Dermot – Discussions can be initiated for the analytes where the true value result is established after lab results come back.
5. Bert – Does this fall under operational or enforcement discretion?
6. Dermot – The lab would have to initiate the investigation.

### **Draft Letter**

7. Dermot – Comments were solicited via email. Drinking water organic methods have LOQs instead of MDLs. MDL must be done initially, after major repair or instrument change out. LOD and LOQs should be determined with each new analyst.
8. Bert – Performance based methods have MDL requirement
9. Dermot – 335.4 CN, automated phenate; MDL twice a year. Letter will address when an MDL need to be done and how often.

10. Bob – If you don't need to perform an MDL, then you don't report above the LOQ.
11. Dermot – Circular letters are policy statements from the certification program. Comments will be accepted for the next three weeks.

**Trip Blanks**

12. Dermot – Trip blanks can be set up and held in the refrigerator. When sample containers and trip blanks are deployed, holding time starts.
13. Members participated in a tour of the state lab.
14. Meeting adjourned 10:02am