

CONNECTICUT ENVIRONMENTAL LABORATORY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MEETING MINUTES

September 15, 2014

Attendees:	Dermot Jones	Dept. of Public Health
	Phil Schlossberg	Dept. of Public Health
	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
	Steve Franco	CTL

Administrative:

1. The meeting was called to order at 9:40 AM.
2. Minutes were missing from meeting of June 2, 2014

State Update:

1. Regulations 19A-29A – no new updates as the regulations are at the Governor’s Office of Legislative Review; they then go to the Attorney General for review and then will be available for public comment
2. Statutes 14-231 – The statutes have been passed and are to go into effect on October 1. “NELAC-related” wording was removed from the statutes. Discussion ensued regarding the potential impact to water treatment and wastewater treatment facilities regarding analysis that they conduct
3. “Everything you wanted to know about PTs but were afraid to ask”
 - a. Dermot Jones (DJ) distributed 3 handouts that list the analytes that you have to do a PT for versus the entire list of analytes that DPH certifies for. The handouts listed those analytes for the matrices Water, Wastewater and Solid Waste and may include some analytes that do not have a PT readily available.
 - b. DJ noted that for the parameters NH₃ and Total Phosphorous, DPH allowed a WP Study to be used to satisfy WS requirement. Should the DPH change this?
 - c. Phil Schlossberg (PS) stated labs must run separate PTs for Colilert, Colisure and Colitag. Labs performing direct enumeration would require a source water PT and not the standard WS PT as those are presence/absence only.
 - d. Greg Lawrence (GL) added that if a lab is certified to perform analyses where results are to be judged against primary or secondary drinking water standards that they should be performing a WS PT for those parameters.

- e. DJ stated that PCBs in oil were removed from the wastewater matrix list in 2007 but replaced in 2010 so labs need to do a WP PT for PCBs in Oil to remain certified.
- f. PS suggested modifying the analyte list to include the individual micro tests like Colilert, Colitag, etc. in addition to listing the analytes Total Coliforms and *E. coli* to avoid any confusion about which analyte or test methodology to run a PT for
- g. DJ added that vinyl chloride does not fall under the 80% rule
- h. DJ noted that ETPH was added to the solid waste matrix miscellaneous category

Trip Blanks Draft Letter:

1. The Committee was presented with a rewrite of the draft letter from Bob Bradley (BB)
 - a. Kathy Shaw mentioned adding a comment about batching trip blanks into Paragraph 5 "...and the Trip Blanks are prepared/batched and stored..." and to allow the lab themselves to determine batch size
 - b. Further clarification might be needed for those who store blanks versus those who make them fresh
 - c. An edit was suggested to clarify Paragraph 7

New Members:

1. Request was made to add Don Carew from ACT to the Committee more so as a member to compliment Bert Geuser's membership. Discussion followed about making them a dual member where both can attend meetings or come separately but they'd only have one vote on committee matters. Don was nominated by GL; the motion was seconded by BB and was unanimously approved by the members in attendance.
2. KS presented the resume of Kate Engler of Apex Companies for membership consideration. It was decided to invite Kate to the next meeting.
3. The membership makeup of the Committee was discussed with GL reading aloud DPH's suggested make up (e.g. 2 members from Private Certified Labs, 2 members from Public Water Utilities, 2 members from Public Environmental Labs, etc.). Members were asked to seek out people interested in joining to have a more well-rounded membership.
4. GL stated that he would send an email to current members who have not been able to attend recently to determine their interest in remaining on the Committee.

Adjournment:

1. Meeting adjourned 11:50 AM
2. Next meeting November 10