

# CONNECTICUT ENVIRONMENTAL LABORATORY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

## MEETING MINUTES

June 8, 2017

<b>Attendees:</b> Phil Schlossberg	Dept. of Public Health
Ryan Tetreault	Dept. of Public Health
Barbara Obert	Baron Consulting
Kim Maloney	Town of Wallingford
Don Carew	Analytical Consulting Technology
Bob Rostkowski	The Metropolitan District
Greg Lawrence	Phoenix Laboratory
Kathy Shaw	GHD

### **Administrative:**

1. The meeting was called to order at 9:45 AM.
2. Bob Bradley was unable to attend so Kim Maloney started off the meeting by reviewing the agenda and started to make a motion to accept the minutes from our last meeting. Discussion quickly revolved around:
  - i. On what date did the last meeting take place?
  - ii. Who took sufficient notes that could be used for the minutes?
  - iii. Phil Schlossberg reviewed his notes upon his return to his office that this meeting was canceled.
3. Bob Rostkowski noted that he would need to pass on the duties of Recording Secretary. He volunteered to record minutes for this meeting and Kathy Shaw volunteered to take his place.

**NOTE: My notes and email show two meetings in 2016: March 17<sup>th</sup> & June 16<sup>th</sup>.**

### **State Update:**

1. Phil Schlossberg:
  - a. Lab Regulations have progressed to an unprecedented stage. The regulations had been previously sent to the Governor's office but the Governor's lawyers had questions that were returned to DPH for response. DPH staff responded to attorney's questions and they returned to the Governor's office.
  - b. The latest Method Update Rule has been signed by EPA officials but has yet to be published in the Federal Register so it is not official. Please see further details listed below the Adjournment section for more information.

2. Ryan Tetreault:

- a. The Semipublic and Private Residential Wells Testing and Reporting Statute (Connecticut General Statute Section 19a-37), previously reviewed by the committee, has been passed in both the House and Senate and needs to be signed by the Governor to become official. The Statute will go into effect on October 1, 2017 but only after it is signed. Further discussion ensued regarding the Statute and the electronic reporting requirements and that discussion is noted below in the New Business section.

**New Business:**

Ryan Tetreault, CT DPH, reviewed aspects of the aforementioned State Statute regarding the testing and data reporting requirements of semipublic and private residential wells.

[http://www.ct.gov/dph/lib/dph/environmental\\_health/eoha/groundwater\\_well\\_contamination/110916\\_ct\\_action\\_level\\_list\\_nov\\_2016\\_update.pdf](http://www.ct.gov/dph/lib/dph/environmental_health/eoha/groundwater_well_contamination/110916_ct_action_level_list_nov_2016_update.pdf)

Laboratory report formats for drinking water wells were discussed in an effort to ask how reports should be formatted to convey info on MCL or Action Level exceedances. Ryan asked that labs bring in examples of their reports as well as their chain of custodies to the next meeting so that they can be reviewed in an effort to establish a standard reporting template. This would allow for easy review for customers and regulators from one lab to another.

Kim Maloney mentioned that she would reach out to Kate Engler and Lisa Montgomery to assess their continued desire to remain on the committee. As part of this effort, committee members voiced their opinions about reaching out to try to find new members to make sure all of the committee spots were filled.

**Adjournment:**

1. Meeting adjourned 11:25 AM
2. Next meeting date is September 25<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 with Ryan Tetreault returning to continue the discussion regarding the status of the Statute and to review lab report and chain of custody formatting.

**MUR Additional Information: Provided by Phil**

As you many of you aware the EPA's Office of Water published notice of a proposed method update rule (MUR) in the *Federal Register* (FR) on February 19, 2015 (80 FR 8956). This proposed rule included changes to pollutant analysis methods used by industries and municipalities to analyze the chemical, physical, and biological components of wastewater and other environmental samples required by regulations under the Clean Water Act.

The proposed changes described in this notice included revisions to current EPA methods as well as new and/or revised methods published by voluntary consensus standard bodies, such as ASTM International and the Standard Methods Committee. EPA also proposed to approve certain methods reviewed under the alternate test procedures (ATP) program and clarify the procedures for EPA approval of nationwide and limited use alternate test procedures. In addition, EPA proposed amendments to the procedure for determination of the method detection limit to address laboratory contamination and to better account for intra-laboratory variability.

The final rule was signed by the Administrator on December 15, 2016 and posted on the EPA web page at: <https://www.epa.gov/cwa-methods/methods-update-rule-2016>

Additional guidance regarding method developer responsibilities and method user responsibilities with regard to establishing equivalent performance and requirements for documentation may be found in a memorandum from Richard Reding dated November 20, 2007 with the subject line "Flexibility to Modify CWA Methods" which is available at the following web page: [https://www.epa.gov/sites/production/files/2015-08/documents/cwa-method-flexibility\\_memo\\_11-20-2007.pdf](https://www.epa.gov/sites/production/files/2015-08/documents/cwa-method-flexibility_memo_11-20-2007.pdf)

Many topics including method flexibility can be found at the CWA Analytical Methods webpage:

<https://www.epa.gov/cwa-methods/approved-cwa-test-methods-questions-and-answers>

<https://www.epa.gov/cwa-methods/alternate-test-procedures-questions-and-answers>

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