

Minutes
ENVIRONMENTAL LABORATORY TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE
February 1, 2008

Richmond Campus and Metropolitan Water District (LA)
10 am to 3 pm

1. Welcome and Introduction Gary/Ken
ELTAC Members present in Richmond: Ken Osborn, Scott Hoatson, Tony Pirondini, Dave Sandusky, Terry Powers, Allen Verstuyft , Gerry Guibert
ELTAC Members present via video conference: Andy Eaton
ELTAC members present via phone: Marc Banuelos, Brent Boman (for Steve Myer), Betsy Shepard
DPH members present in Richmond: Gary Yamamoto, George Kulasingam, Jane Jensen, Fred Choske, Catherine Ewing
Guests:
in Richmond: Bill Ray SWRCB; Jerry Tamura (El Dorado Irrigation Dist.)
via video conference: David Kimbrough CLWA , Dan Tremblay OCSD, Socorro Baldonado, Guilda Neshvad Positive Lab Service, Asseged Teshome LADWP, Marlyn Stasiak LADWP:
via phone: DPH: Richard Spinner, Linda Lomboy, Steve Book
Not present: Miriam Cardenas, Robert Bolton, Steve Meyer, Rufus Howell
2. Minutes of the last ELTAC Meeting Ken
Minutes passed with minor change.
3. Announcements, Current Vacancies Gary/ELAP
Dr. Riley no longer with Center for Environmental Health (CEH) and Dr. Howell is acting Deputy Director for CEH and not able to attend this ELTAC meeting.
4. NELAC updates Andy/Scott
Draft Standards have been approved by TNI and available on the TNI website. Anyone can get a free copy with the ISO language included by reference only or for purchase the standards can be obtained with the ISO language incorporated. There is a PT proposal with TNI to evaluate the benefits of 1 PT vs 2 PTs per year with the potential outcome being to reduce the number of PTs required for laboratories. CA coming up for their renewal as an Accreditation Body over the next few months and
5. PT updates ELAP Staff
No changes for ELAP. NELAP/TNI changes: The date of analysis of a repeat PT sample can't be sooner than 15 days from the date of analysis of the failed PT. Labs will be required to put date of analysis on PT reports.
6. Draft regulations Gary/DPH/ELAP
Draft regulations have been distributed. The initial statement of reasons and fiscal description will need to be added to Draft regulations and then forwarded to Office of Regulations and Department of Finance. Office of Regulations will make the official Public Notice. The process may take up to 2 years to finalize with 1 year being the estimated time period after the Public Notice is released.

An FAQ will be developed

Jerry with Association of Public Health Laboratory Directors comments:
 - Concerns with the requirements of Laboratory Directors that are in the standard regarding the experience requirement doesn't not include PH lab experience (e.g clinical lab experience) (recommends use of 3rd revision language)

Extensive discussion on pros and cons. The section will be re-evaluated to provide flexibility. Likely will take section from version 3 and change to reflect regulations of Clinical Directors rather than Statutes

- Grandfather clause: restricted to laboratory where Director was employed. The grandfather clause should go with the person wherever they go.
- 64815 (B) was questioned as it is not within ELAPs scope and was too vague. It was explained that intent was simply that the intent was just to ensure that the lab environment did not adversely affect the analyses. The section will be reevaluated to restate the intent more clearly. 5.5.3 of the NELAC standard may have language to incorporate.
- U of A's and FOTs intermixed. Try and consolidate to a single term. U of A was suggested by George K.
- 64815 (a) notification to the Dept of any changes to QA manual. This seems, to be overkill. Objection specifically to the requirement to get prior approval from the department prior to making any changes. Suggest defining what significant changes would require ELAP notification. The Drinking water certification manual has language regarding revisions.
- 64815 (J) reference to the NELAC standard should be stricken. The change will be to include the language from the standard rather than reference it.
- Details regarding items in the specific form contents are unnecessary. The Department already has the authority to create the forms. From DW program 6401, you shall apply for a water permit. From Clinical: Only specifies requirement for a form. Legal concern that only specifying a department generated form will not be approved further down the line. Request made that we identify mandatory requirements vs optional information request.
- Reference to on-site assessment in application (64803) doesn't belong as this is not part of an application.
 - i. Demonstration of capability requirements inconsistent. Required in amendment applications but not in initial demonstration. In addition, the DOC requirements eally only apply to Chemistry U of A. Need to reassess section to incorporate DOC requirements for other U of A. Add language, that requires DOC according to methods, and then deal with tests not specified.
- Conflict of interest for PTs, change to 1% ownership
- Change "methodology" to "Method"
- Define suspension. Suspension is written in other laws and has known meaning in state law and was deemed unnecessary to have in regulations.

Send comments to George Kulasingam and cc: Gary Yamamoto, Jane Jensen, Ken Osborn

7. ELAP Budget Issues

DPH

Carrying vacancies, budget is available to hire retired annuitants until vacancies can be filled. Having difficulty finding qualified staff. Open Job listings were posted today for vacancies on the State Department of Personnel Website. Open exam notice is also available on CDPH site.

8. Method Specific Check lists

David/Richard

Checklists have not been "approved" by the department and were not on the website. They would like to put them back on the website as guidance documents for laboratories to use in preparation for lab audits.

Suggested to put the checklists on the ELTAC section of the CDPH website as guidance documents.

9. Pesticide screening methods

Guidance from EPA region 9 still needed. It may be possible that a regional board may request the methods on their own.

10. Next meeting

May 7, 8, or 9th