

MINUTES
ENVIRONMENTAL LABORATORY TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Nov 13, 2012

Richmond Campus (Rm C136) and Metropolitan Water District (LA)
10 am to 3 pm

Call-in phone number: (866) -757-3068 Code: 1491642#

1. Welcome

Ken

*Ken Osborn

Bill Draper

Catherine Ewing

Stefan Cajina

Dave Mazzera

Antoine Chamsi

Nirmal Saiwi

*Dave Sandusky

Catherine Ewing

Fred Choske

*Socorro Baldonado

Anny Lau

Lily Sanchez

*Cindy Bamfield

Eileen Wong

Houri Mandjikian

Gilda Navshvad

*Tony Pirondini (by phone)

*Mark Banuelos (by phone)

*= ELTAC Member

2. Minutes of the last ELTAC Meeting

Ken

Review of last meeting's minutes.

Unanimously approved.

3. Announcements, Current Vacancies

CDPH

DPH employee passed. Ida Dente retiring Nov. 30th, Jane Slaga in December, Richi in May. Vacation accrual will push out actual separation date. ELAP has the ability however to backfill while vacation runs out.

Still do not have George's replacement. Looking for Research Scientist Supervisor 2 classification for position of section chief. Once HR approves the classification, they can advertise for the position.

Reorganization: ELAP will become a section as part of DW/radiation laboratory branch.

2 employees in So.Cal drinking water lab will be moved to support ELAP in So Cal - would bring the total up to 7 people.

4. NELAC updates

CDPH

DPH has been audited in May for TNI, but hasn't received the report yet. Tele-con tomorrow for an update. Waiting for this process to be completed in order to convert from NELAC to TNI standards. Labs will still be recognized for whatever they are certified under (NELAC or TNI) for the next 2 years.

Fred observed the Oregon program. Oregon use state employees (e.g.lab people) to do audits, rather than dedicated auditors.

Next TNI conference in January-ELAP not planning on attending.

Out of state assessment travel requests are being approved.

Ken mentioned rumors of TNI looking at detection limit paradigm. Fred hadn't heard anything. Various alternate DL schemes were discussed.

5. PT updates

CDPH As

DLs for different programs go lower, PT suppliers wanted comments on their production of low level PT standards. Perchlorate, Bromate and Cr6+ are specific examples.

No changes from NELAC on PTs.

Multiple tube fermentation from ERA will now separate their results out from the QuantiTray results. That should result in fewer failing MTF method failures.

Cryptosporidium PT is not going to be supported by EPA. EPA doesn't feel it is important and may drop it by 2015. ELAP looking to get someone certified as a certification officer. Otherwise, Nevada is the next closest certifying authority for EPA.

6. Draft regulations

CDPH

Nirmal questioned 5.c.2 PT requirements for Food and Ag labs. Why is there different language for them? Fred mentioned that Food is not part of the national program and also may have issues with completing studies in the tighter window. gives them flexibility.

Fred also explained how the failure of 1 PT sample didn't automatically trigger revocation of certification. Corrective action and performing a make-up PT are required first.

Question as to why the cycle of PT went from annual to anniversary date. Cathy thought that since the PT requirement was part of the accreditation cycle, it should be on the same cycle.

Ken mentioned that some PTs may not be available in the 90 day re-test window and that there should be wording to allow them to wait until it is available.

Dave brought up the lack of definition as to the frequency of site assessments. With exception of an initial assessment, the language is purposely vague about assessments being required for reaccreditations. Fred mentioned that the paradigm is to do an assessment every 3 years.

PT for multi-analyte methods - what % is required to pass the PT? NELAC has an 80% pass rules. EPA has (CFR 40) has a rule to pass each analytes at least once

per year, with a minimum of 80% acceptability in the study for the study to count. The old (current) regulations have definition of this. Article 5.a.4 references the NELAC criteria for this. Question was raised about what ELAP labs have to do to comply with this, since they only have to do PTs once per year.

Next step is comments are taken, impact of regs are put up for approval, then the regs are published for public comment. A public hearing is then scheduled. After the hearing, changes are considered, re-write as necessary. Otherwise, package is finalized. Admin Law reviews it, then it is published in the CCR and becomes in final. Public probably will see them in July, then 3 to 12 months after that to become final.

7. ELAP Budget Issues

CDPH

ELAP budget 2.898M for current fiscal year, which is in line with current spending authority. 2.6M projected expenditures. 523,000 revenue FYTD (July through September). Projected revenue 2.9M. Still some ELAP positions being paid out of DW.

Outstanding invoices at \$100,000 from labs. Labs will be tracked down and held accountable.

8. Other questions from ELTAC members

9. Next meeting

March TBD. Ken will propose dates. Tuesday or Wednesday.

Adjourned 12:47 pm

