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ENVIRONMENTAL LABORATORY ADVISORY BOARD MEETING

Monthly Teleconference: 202-991-0477/7939251# June 20, 2018; 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. EST

MEETING SUMMARY

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) Environmental Laboratory Advisory Board (ELAB or Board) teleconference meeting was held on June 20, 2018. The agenda for this meeting is provided as Attachment A, a list of meeting participants is provided as Attachment B, and action items are included as Attachment C. The official certification of the minutes by the Chair or Vice-Chair and the Designated Federal Officer is included as Attachment D.

ROLL CALL/ INTRODUCTION

Dr. Michael Delaney, Chair of ELAB, welcomed the members and guests to the meeting. He took roll of the members present and attending by teleconference. Dr. Tom O'Farrell confirmed the participation list.

APPROVAL OF THE PRIOR MINUTES

Dr. Delaney asked whether any members had comments about the Board's May 2018 minutes – no changes were suggested. Dr. Mahesh Pujari moved to approve the minutes, and Brad Meadows seconded the motion. The Board unanimously approved the May minutes.

OPENING REMARKS AND UPDATES FROM THE DFO

The former DFO, Lara Phelps, had an opportunity to join ELAB during this meeting and thanked ELAB for having her on the call. She explained her role in her current position that involves work in air quality, modeling, and climate work related to extreme weather events.

Dr. Tom O'Farrell, the Designated Federal Officer for ELAB, thanked everyone for attending the meeting. He explained that we are getting to the end of receiving nominations for new ELAB members and we have 9 nominations so far. At the end of this year we will lose 5 members from the Board so we are looking to add 6 more members to get to 15 members. This process will take several months and several layers of review before the approval of the members.

Dr. O'Farrell will be attending the face-to-face meeting in New Orleans and looks forward to seeing everyone. The ELAB website is getting updated and should be up to date soon.

Drinking Water Program Adoption of Recent Approved Methods

In the Absence of Ms. Deb Waller, Dr. Buckley provided an update for this topic. Ms. Waller sent an update promising a draft letter of the “Drinking Water Program Adoption of Recent Approved Methods” at our July meeting. This letter will ask EPA if they would only approve the most recent methods that they have been approved. ELAB looks forward to the letter. Deb Waller will also provide a comment box at our face to face meeting in August for people to suggest what topics ELAB should be working on.

Inactive Topics

1. Whole Effluent Toxicity PT Standards

Dr. Henry Leibovitz explained that there will be a meeting with TNI and the Whole Effluent Toxicity Committee at the face-to-face meeting in New Orleans. Dr. Leibovitz suggested we should have several members of the Board there to help facilitate discussion during the meeting. Dr. O’Farrell will follow up with Lynn Bradley to find out what day, and where the meeting is scheduled. There have been no changes in this topic since the last meeting.

2. Drinking Water Certification Officer’s Training Course

We are currently waiting on a response letter from Dan Hautman at EPA and Dr. O’Farrell will work on that. This item is going on the inactive list.

3. In-Line/On-Line Monitoring

No current updates on this topic.

4. Interagency Data Quality Task Force/Data Quality Objective

Dr. Henry Leibovitz has nothing new to bring to the committee. He is considering asking if ACIL or TNI could put on a workshop for environmental contractors.

NEW TOPICS/ISSUES FOR CONSIDERATION

Dr. Delaney informed the Board that EPA has extended the comment period for the new rule, “Transparency in Science” and has scheduled a public hearing on the topic. The Public hearing will be July 17 and the comment period has been extended until August 16. Dr. Buckley would like ELAB to send a comment in to EPA.

WRAP-UP/SUMMARY OF ACTION ITEMS

Dr. Delaney and Dr. O’Farrell reviewed the action items identified during the meeting, which are included in attachment C. The next ELAB meeting is scheduled for the 18th of July.

Attachment A

ENVIRONMENTAL LABORATORY ADVISORY BOARD (ELAB)

Face-to-Face Meeting/Teleconference: 202-991-0477 / 793-9251#

Date | time 6/20/2018 | 1:00-3:00PM EST | Meeting called by Mike Delaney

Agenda

Item	Owner
Call Meeting to Order	Delaney
Introduction of Board Members/Roll Call	Board
Approval of Minutes for Previous Meeting(s)	Delaney
Opening Remarks and Updates from DFO	O'Farrell
Updates on Current Topics	Board
A. Cyanide Methodology — Delaney	
B. Selecting Ion Monitoring — Delaney	
C. User-generated Library Acceptance Criteria — Buckley	
D. Addressing Emerging Contaminants — Mertens	
E. Acrolein and Acrylonitrile Preservation and pH — Pujari	
F. Drinking Water Program Adoption of Recent Approved Methods — Waller	
Inactive Topics awaiting feedback/input	Board
A. Whole Effluent Toxicity proficiency study standards — Leibovitz	
B. Drinking Water Certification Officer's Training Course — Mertens	
C. In-Line/On-Line Monitoring — Flournoy	
D. Interagency Data Quality Task Force/Data Quality Objective Process — Leibovitz	
New Topics/Issues for Consideration	Delaney
Wrap-Up/Summary of Action Items	O'Farrell/Delaney
Closing Remarks/Adjournment	O'Farrell/Delaney

		Institute
Y	Dr. Mahesh Pujari	City of Los Angeles Representing: National Association of Clean Water Agencies
N	Mr. Elan Rieser	Con Edison – Representing: Utility Water Act Group
Y	Dr. A. Dallas Wait	Gradient Representing: Consumer Products Industry
N	Ms. Debra (Deb) Waller	New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (NJDEP) Representing: State Government—NJDEP

PARTICIPANTS LIST (CONT)

Contractors and Guests Attendance (Y/N)	Name	Affiliation
Y	Mr. Thomas Cawiezell	Contractor at EPA
Y	Penny Shamblin	Hunton Andrews Kurth LLP
Y	Anand Mudambi	EPA
Y	Lara Phelps	EPA
Y	Travis Bartholomew	Texas Commission on Environmental Quality
Y	Francoise Chauvin	NY Dept. of Environmental Protections

Attachment D

I hereby certify that this is the final version of the minutes for the Environmental Laboratory Advisory Board Meeting held on June 20, 2018.

 Recoverable Signature

X *Michael F. Delaney*

Dr. Michael Delaney
Chair
Signed by: Delaney, Mike

X *Thomas O'Farrell, 7/24/18*

Dr. Thomas O'Farrell
Designated Federal Officer