

Laboratory Certification Standards Review Council Meeting Minutes From 4/16/2019

Attendance

Council Members: Sharon Mertens (Chair), Craig Obry, Angela Albrecht, Jennifer Buchholz, Paul Junio, Tad Schwartzhoff, Kevin Freber (skype)
DNR Staff: Steve Geis, Tom Trainor, Janelle Nehs
Others in Attendance: Erin Mani

The meeting was called to order at 10 AM.

Introductions

- Craig Obry and Tad Schwartzhoff were introduced to the Council Members. Craig and Tad each gave a brief introduction on their backgrounds.
- Janelle Nehs was introduced as a new auditor replacing Tom Trainor. She provided background on her experience.

Check-In, Agenda Repair, Review/Approval of last meeting minutes

- Sharon asked if there were any agenda repair items and there were none.
- Sharon asked if there were any changes to the minutes provided from the January 8, 2019 meeting.
- One change was requested. Move Paul Junio from "Others in attendance" to "Council Member" he is part of council under the demonstrated interest member.

Program Audit Status Report (FY 2019 Year to Date)

AUDITS

- Large scale labs audits are at 96% of goal.
- Small scale labs audits are at 91% of goal.
- It is projected that 4 large scale labs and 4 small scale labs will be moved from this FY schedule to next FY schedule due to filling Rick's position.

REPORTS

- Large scale labs reports are at 92% of goal.
- Small scale labs reports are at 91% of goal.
- So far this FY only two large scale reports were issued later than 60 days.
- Seven small scale reports were issued later than 60 days – all from the contract auditor.

CLOSURES

- Large scale labs closures are at 76% of goal.
- Small scale labs closures are at 88% of goal.
- 4 audits not closed are over a year old – 2 of them are waiting on the lab cert program to reconcile.
- Tom's audit closures behind schedule due to taking Rick's position. Other audits not closed due to a variety of reasons.

Audit Reports TAT

- Large scale labs audit reports TAT is at 92% of 60-day goal.
- Small scale labs audit reports TAT is at 70% of 30-day goal. Contract auditor caught up on reports this quarter, only one report from this auditor was over 30 days.

Tom revisited the new Program Audit Status Summary format that he puts together for the council and it was agreed it is acceptable.

Other business

- FY 2020 budget was approved by the NRB.
- Eagle River won lab of the year. Steve explained where the lab was at to where they are now performance-wise.

- Tom summarized new labs to the program since July 2018 – March 2019 (FY 2019) = 5
 - Wood County Water Laboratory (WI Rapids)
 - TEC/Solomon Corporation Alliance (Texas)
 - Whitewater WWTP
 - Trace Analytical (Michigan)
 - Milwaukee Water Works
- Labs coming to the program - Big Ox Energy (Denmark), PFAS labs
- Tom summarized labs that have left the program since July 2018 – March 2019 = 14
 - WI Rapids Water Works & Lighting 4.19
 - Pace Analytical – Grand Rapids MI 12.18
 - South Milwaukee WWTP 8.18
 - Marathon City WWTP 8.18
 - Town of Sullivan Sanitary District 8.18
 - Tyco Fire Products 8.18
 - Neenah Paper – Neenah Mill 8.18
 - Legend Technical Services – 8.18
 - Whitewater TTP – 8.18
 - Thorp WWTP – 8.18
 - Pleasant Prairie Power Plant (We Energies) – 8.18
 - Eurofins Lancaster Labs – 8.18
 - City of Chetek WWTP – 7.18
 - Dominion Energy Kewaunee – 7.18
- Lab Cert database rewrite was on schedule to be completed by September 1st, 2019.
- Council membership elections: since the vice-chair wasn't present, we decided to postpone elections until the first meeting after the close of the fiscal year (which is typically the August meeting). This will be the new time of year when we will revisit elections since this is when the positions start anyways. There are still vacancies for agriculture and for solid waste members, but we are unable to find people to fill them.
- NR149. Still waiting for governor, then legislative committee approval.
- NR812. Public comments were received and reviewed. To NRB May 22nd. Tom went over the specifics that were changed due to public comments.
- The holding time for fecal coliform testing in biosolids was discussed. The approved holding time is 8 hours unless the laboratory wants to use EPA 1680 or 1681 to extend the holding time to 24 hours. Class A biosolids are required to comply.
- Lab Certification has a list of 36 compounds that will be offered for certification which was decided upon after consultation with DNR Programs. The list of 36 compounds will be available by May 1st. Lab Certification Minimum method requirements will be available in June for laboratories to comment on. Certification is hoping to be open by late summer, early fall 2019. Sharon – TNI is working with PT providers to try and have all PFAS PT results reported in the acid form so that it matches how laboratories are reporting the compounds.
- It was brought up that arsenic is under new review at DHS to assess the groundwater quality standard.
- Annual renewal. Invoices mailed 5/23. Due 7/1.

Next meeting is August 13th, 2019, 9:00 AM

Meeting adjourned at 12 PM