

**ENVIRONMENTAL LABORATORY ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**September 22, 2011**

**MINUTES**

**Members Present**

Laura McCasland  
Matthew Rexing  
Nancy Turner  
Robert Vertefeuille  
Linda Johnson  
\*Kurt Novy  
Elizabeth Proffitt  
Michael Dew  
Rick Amalfi  
Mary Tyer  
Randy Gottler

**Members Absent**

Barbara Escobar  
Cynthia Garcia  
Anne Nichols  
Jim Williams  
Elizabeth Baker  
Evelyn Dawson

**Guests Present**

Melinda Seibel  
Trina Spangle  
Anupa Jain  
Kim Caggiano  
Mike McGovern  
Cassandra DaSalla  
Brian Sitko  
Dipti Shah  
Katie Mayer  
Christina Hoppes  
Leanne Nieukirk  
Garry Brussels  
Gail Adams  
\*Terri Garcia  
\*Dawn Weyer

**SLS Staff**

\*Prabha Acharya  
Ali Mayfield  
Kathryn Wangsness  
Gary Shipley  
Galan Larson  
Steve Baker  
David McKay  
Jason Mihalic

**ADEQ Staff**

Julie Hoskin  
Jeanene Hanley

\* by phone

## **CALL TO ORDER**

## **WELCOME/INTRODUCTION**

Linda Johnson called the meeting to order and introduced herself as the Chairperson. Everyone introduced themselves including the attendees from Tucson, Flagstaff and Phoenix via the phone.

Steve Baker welcomed everyone and thanked them for coming; he handed over the floor to Linda.

## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The minutes from June 02, 2011 meeting were approved as written. A quorum was present.

## **ADEQ UPDATE**

### **Update on Additional Compounds to be Added to 8260 Fuel List:**

Jeanene Hanley gave an update; she had a handout with the extended fuel list for 8260; these compounds will be requested from the labs whenever there is a fuel spill; the labs may not be set up to run all the compounds from this list; Jeanene had received the extended compound lists which was being reported currently from several labs and their list already included a number of compounds from this fuel list; she realizes that propylene is a difficult compound; the labs can report the compounds as TIC if they are not set up; consultants will not be aware of which 8260 list to request from the labs; labs must be aware that whenever there is a fuel spill, this extended list must be run; UST conference is coming up and the consultants will be educated on this fuel list; it will take a while to finalize this since it has to go through an elaborate policy review process; this new list hasn't been given a name yet; 8260 Fuels List was suggested; after a couple of months this list can be revised; there was some discussion if the custom proficiency samples have to be purchased and what would be the QC limits for these additional compounds; Steve responded that ADHS will work on this issue with the input from the surveyors.

### **Status of Regulatory Usefulness of 8015AZ**

Julie Hoskin and Jeanene Hanley explained that this method was developed because there was a SRL limit for the C10-C32 carbon range and at that time it was needed for compliance; it has since been removed from the SRL list and there is no more compliance need for this method; instead the individual compounds from this GRO, DRO and ORO ranges are being monitored; that is the reason behind adding extra compounds to various methods like the fuel list for 8260; when the consultants request this method the labs should find out the purpose behind their request – is it for finger printing of fuels to determine the kind of spill or for the quantitation of certain fuel type and so on; now this 8015AZ method is losing its' significance in terms of regulatory perspective but there is still some interest to monitor for this carbon range as a screening tool, so it is better to keep this method in place for now; it was agreed that there were other alternate methods available in place of 8015AZ.

## **ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:**

### **Rules: Updates on the Rule Making Process:**

Steve: there will be no new rules for some time due to governor's moratorium; in the new rules we will be able to remove methods which are no longer approved by EPA, since there are so many newer versions being approved; currently there is a provision to add new methods only.

### **ALA Update:**

Garry gave an update; ALA was incorporated by Corporation Commission, it is now recognized as an association; a meeting was held a week ago, Bylaws were updated, Trina was elected as a new treasurer; there were discussions on the data qualifiers; the subcommittee will be meeting after this meeting.

Julie added that Lowell Carty from ADEQ will be attending the subcommittee meeting since he is responsible for inputting data into the database.

### **MALA Update:**

Kim Caggiano gave an update: there were some questions about the ADEQ DWAR forms and the wastewater treatment plants' ten most audit findings at the last MALA meeting; these topics would be brought up as new business; Steve reminded that the ELAC meetings are structured with the planned agenda items and any new items can be discussed after the meeting under New Business.

### **Training:**

Matt Rexing gave an update: he is working with Joe Harmon to present a 3-day sampling workshop; due to unavailability of an instructor, it has been postponed to 2012; the operator's workshop will be offered in the fall of this year; IDEXX, HACH will be presenting; WET testing will cover how to read the WET testing reports and what actions to take with the results in the reports; he met with a person from Rural Water Association, they have federal funds and are able to train operators by providing consultations on an individual basis; they are more geared towards rural drinking water facilities for tests like pH, turbidity and chlorine tests; ADEQ and ADHS are welcome to participate in the operator workshops.

Julie added that the operators were not getting a clear message on running low level chlorine method and they were trying to meet with them to ease their concerns.

### **Status of State of Arizona Taking into Account Residency in their Bids:**

Julie said she would bring this up with their procurement department. Garry added that ALA was working with ADEQ procurement on giving first preference to AZ labs and AZ citizens; all the other states follow this protocol, Arizona is the only state which doesn't.

Linda wondered why the Information Updates are infrequent now as compared to the earlier times. Steve/Prabha responded that whenever there is new information, an Update would be sent out; earlier the labs were being brought up to speed on the information and therefore more frequent Updates were being sent out; now that the labs are up to speed the Updates have become more infrequent like 4 a year versus every month before; if the labs wanted something published they were asked to contact Prabha.

### **SET NEXT MEETING DATE & ADJOURNMENT:**

The next meeting was scheduled for December 08, 2011; the meeting was adjourned.