

## Laboratory Certification Standards Review Council Meeting Minutes From 11/12/2019

### Attendance

Council Members: Sharon Mertens (Chair), Craig Obry, Jennifer Buchholz, Paul Junio, Tad Schwartzhoff, Kevin Freber  
DNR Staff: Steve Geis, Tom Trainor, Brandy Baker-Muhich (remote), Zana Sijan  
Others in Attendance: Erin Mani, Peter Schmidt, Carol Mielke, Jessica McCammon

The meeting was called to order at 9 AM.

### 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 August 13, 2019 meeting and there were none.
- Kevin moved to pass the minutes as is and Craig seconded/approved.

### Business Items

- Large-scale labs: 43 labs are the goal to audit this year. 10 of those are anticipated PFAS applications.
- Small-scale labs: 74 labs are the goal this year. Currently we are behind schedule for small-scale labs due to not having a contract in place for the contract auditor until August.
- Auditors have been observing many MDL procedure issues with laboratories.
- Fennimore WWTP and Eurofins TestAmerica Nashville dropped from the program.
- There is much interest from county public health labs to add nitrate certification.
- Paul Junio suggested that the budget include money to cover refresher training for drinking water auditors and TNI conference attendance.
- Paul Junio asked why the Program staff salaries were higher last year compared to this year.
- Proposed NR 149: Program Staff met with Senator Nass's staff to discuss our statutory authority to make annual fee modifications. As a result of that meeting, we recalled our proposed code until we can pass a bill that includes a germane modification to the statute so that the statute language clearly gives us the authority to make the annual fee adjustments as stated in NR 149. Paul Junio suggested that we consider making other statute changes at this time since we are already creating a bill for a change.
- Paul Junio suggested that the Program consider waiting to grant the first wave of PFAS labs until there are several ready to be granted at the same time. This would alleviate any competitive advantage that the first one or two labs would receive by being first in line for certification.
- The latest method update rule includes methods that allow the use of the StableWeigh product for solids. The Program will need to update NR 219 due to the MUR.
- Paul Junio asked that we update the list of certified labs on our website. Tom will submit the new list to the Web Developer.
- Paul Junio asked why water quality is now including grab-composite sample types in permits.
- Paul Junio asked why trivalent chromium is being included on permits all of a sudden. Lab Cert does not certify for Cr+3. Total chromium and Cr+6 would be the preference.

Next meeting is January 14<sup>th</sup>, 2020, 9:00 AM, WSLH, Meeting adjourned at 11:00 PM