

CONNECTICUT ENVIRONMENTAL LABORATORY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MEETING MINUTES

March 14, 2008

Attendees:

Jeffrey Curran	Dept. of Public Health
Kim Maloney	Town of Wallingford
Dermot Jones	Dept. of Public Health
Philip Schlossberg	Dept. of Public Health
Greg Lawrence	Phoenix Laboratories
Barbara Obert	Baron Consulting
Bert Geuser	ACT
Dr. Xie	
Kevin Miller	Fuss & O'Neill Inc.
Peter Frick	TestAmerica
Donna Ruokonen	TestAmerica
Mike LeBlanc (for Terry Spalletta)	Regional Water Authority
Garrett Johnson	Northeast Laboratories

Administrative:

1. The meeting was called to order at 9:30 AM.
2. Phil Rusconi had an excused absence. Kevin Miller did not attend.
3. The January minutes were accepted as written.
4. The meeting was adjourned at 12:00pm.

DPH Update

5. (Jeff) 3 Major topics. First, Tri-annual EPA inspection/audit, DPH passed with no deviations, State Lab passed.
6. (Jeff) Second Major Topic, Pharmaceuticals in Drinking Water (Based on concern generated by recent AP report). The EPA is doing more research. Several new methods approved in Dec. 2007.
7. (Greg) What about the issue of MDL's?
8. (Dr.Xie) Need more expensive equipment to find lower levels.
9. (Bert) Connecticut protects its drinking watersheds.
10. (Jeff) In CT, no discharges into drinking water sources.
11. (Bert) Similar concerns in Farmington River about sterile fish as a result of pharmaceuticals, other low levels wastes.
12. (Jeff) AP article- too many female fish?
13. (Kim) AP article is nothing new on the waste water side, where work has been going on for five years. New law passed last year banning the flushing of prescription drugs down the toilet.
14. (Jeff) This is a problem for nursing homes on septic systems.
15. (Donna) Northeast has tested for caffeine as an indicator.
16. (Jeff) Largest levels should be OTC drugs and birth control.

17. (Jeff) Third Major Topic, Legislation Pending About Toxic Toys, mainly concerning lead and phthalates. "Toxic" not defined yet, but something may be passed soon.

Old Business:

18. (Peter) Any news on the revised RSR's?
19. (Jeff) Has not heard anything.
20. (Peter) Letter to the DEP about getting rid of freon methods?
21. (Greg) Will send a follow up letter asking for a response.
22. (Greg) Question about hold time of unpreserved VOC samples
23. (Jeff) 7 days under CWA, 24 days okay for drinking water.

Subcommittee Notes

24. (All) We continued the page by page review of the draft and noted edits for Jeff Curran.
25. (All) Agreed to review pages via email and send comments back to Jeff Curran.

Remaining 2008 Scheduled Meeting Dates:

May 14 th	Wallingford WTP
September 19 th	Hartford DPH
November 21 st	TBD