

Minutes
Environmental Laboratory Advisory Board (ELAB) Meeting
March 6, 2001
Via Teleconference
Minutes prepared by ELAB

PRESENT: Jeanne Hankins, Steve Billets, Dan Bivens, Scott Evans, Al Verstuyft, Jerry Parr, Peter Spath, Zonetta English, Wilson Hershey

1. Approval of minutes was deferred until the April 24 meeting.
2. Following discussion regarding stack sampling, Al Verstuyft made two recommendations which will be presented for approval at the April 24 meeting.
3. Jerry Parr and Tom Coyner are putting together a plan regarding PT issues to be reviewed at a future ELAB meeting.
4. An apparent conflict between SW846 and NELAC requirements has been addressed according to Jerry Parr.
5. Steve Billets and/or Jeanne Hankins will be speaking to a copyright lawyer regarding ISO 17025 related issues.
6. Following discussions on a possible subcommittee on MDLs, IDLs, etc., it was decided that other groups are already working on parts of this issue. Therefore, ELAB will not form a subcommittee.
7. The draft recommendation presented regarding NELAC's policy on new testing areas was held for consideration at the April 24 meeting.
8. Following discussion on endorsement of the MDCB recommendations, Jerry Parr agreed to look into the matter and report back to ELAB.
9. Wilson Hershey was asked to invite Robert Graves (USEPA) and Reenie Parris (NIST) to address ELAB on May 24.
10. The following items were suggested as agenda items for the May meeting:
 - Review of minutes and action items
 - PT Subcommittee report
 - Other subcommittee reports as appropriate
 - Possible Quality Systems PBMS report
 - Comments on standards being put forth for a vote at NELAC 7

- Brief report by Steve Billets and Peter Spath on November 28, 2000 Federal Advisory Committee chairs meeting
- Share strategic vision
- Open forum issues as time permits

