

Source Protection Committee

MEETING 9 – July 17, 2008 at Dr. Hamilton Crawford Memorial Arena, Marmora

Final Draft of Proposed Terms of Reference

The SPC was presented with the final draft of the Proposed Terms of Reference with the revisions made based on the discussion at the last meeting. In addition, Glenda stated that some additional minor wording revisions were made to correct grammar and to reflect the draft technical rules. As well, both documents have been revised to better reflect the municipal make-up of each SPA.

- There was follow-up discussion from last meeting related to inclusion of a statement regarding the precautionary approach. Staff consulted with other Source Protection Regions (SPRs) as to how they were dealing with this issue. Some SPRs felt that it is already covered in the CWA, some will include a comment in their cover letter, and one included a reference in their mission statement. In order to give the SPC some flexibility as it moves through the development of the assessment report and source protection plan, it was agreed to add to the commitment statement: Basing policies on the best available science and where there is uncertainty, be mindful of the precautionary approach.

With this additional change, it was agreed that the Proposed ToR could be submitted to the Source Protection Authorities.

Medical Officers of Health Liaison

MOE correspondence has been received stating that Anne Alexander has now been appointed by the Minister of the Environment as the Liaison member on the SPC representing the medical officers of health for health units located within the SPR.

Watershed Characterization

Marnie Guindon and Diana Tyner from the Crowe Valley Conservation Authority provided an overview of the Crowe Valley Source Protection Area.

Source Protection Authorities (SPAs) & Source Protection Committee (SPC)

Discussion took place to clarify the function and relationships between the SPAs & the SPC.

- SPA – In most cases, the SPA is the Conservation Authority (CA) Board of Directors which is made up of municipal representatives from municipalities located within the CA watershed jurisdiction. For the purposes of source protection, additional municipal representatives have been added in cases where the Source Protection Area covers areas outside CA jurisdiction. For this Region, Lower Trent, Otonabee-Peterborough and Kawartha-Haliburton SPAs have additional municipal reps.
- SPC – The SPC is a multi-stakeholder committee representing the various stakeholder interests within a SPR.

To date, the SPAs have been responsible for selecting Chair nominations to forward to MOE; appointing the SPC; and approving the rules & procedures of the SPC. The SPC felt that it would be beneficial to receive SPA minutes.

Submission of Proposed Assessment Terms of Reference (ToR)

The SPC will submit the proposed ToR documents to the five SPAs by August 20 for review and comment. The SPAs will post the ToR documents on the internet for public review at www.trentsourceprotection.on.ca; and circulate to Municipalities, First Nations, Great Lakes bodies, and neighbouring Source Protection Regions. There is a 30 day comment period (comments will go to SPAs, not the SPC). The cover letter to the SPAs will include the SPC concerns identified in a letter sent previously to MOE regarding compensation /funding for implementation phase, and inclusion of private systems. Other notification on the proposed ToR will include: a notice to the e-mail list from first round of public consultation and a press release.

The submission to MOE by the SPAs will take place by October 20. The submission will include: 5 proposed Terms of Reference, as prepared by SPC; digital data base (Wizard file); public consultation process document

Public Consultation Process Document

This document will accompany the submission by the SPAs to MOE to outline the complete public consultation process carried out by the SPC during the development of the proposed ToR. It will include:

1. Consultation on the Draft Proposed Terms of Reference

Details of Public Notification:

- Date posted on website for public review
- Public Notice - location and time of each public meeting
- Copy of cover letter & mailing list for all recipients of letter & ToR
- Newspaper ad & list of papers/dates ad was run in
- Press release

Comments Received:

- List of Questions/Comments from Public Meeting
- Written Questions/Comments received
- Action taken/Responses to Questions/Comments received

2. Consultation on the Proposed Terms of Reference

Details of Public Notification:

- Date posted on web-site for public review
- Copy of cover letter & mailing list for all recipients of letter & ToR
- Press release

Comments Received:

- Written Questions/Comments received during 30 day consultation period
- Written Comments from Source Protection Authorities

Review of EBR Posting of proposed Regulations & Director's rules for the Assessment Report

Some SPC members and CA staff have attended MOE roundtable meetings regarding the EBR postings. Glenda presented a list of comments based on discussion with CA technical staff and others.

The SPC will submit EBR comments regarding: concern with identification of threats to drinking water "after treatment" which doesn't apply the multi-barrier approach and trivializes the role of the SPC, and urging the finalization of technical guidelines so that the process is not slowed.

Committee Members – Updates on public engagement

- Terry Rees advised that representatives from 12 lake associations (representing about 5,000 residents) will be attending the FOCA source protection information session scheduled for later in the afternoon (July 17) at the Crowe Valley Conservation Authority office.
- Mary Jane advised that the Well Wise Centre has released a report titled, "A Study of Private Well Owners Information Requirements and Possible Outreach and Education Programs". Copies were made available.

Next Meeting: September 8, 2008 in Lakefield.

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