

Source Protection Committee

SOURCE PROTECTION COMMITTEE MEETING 45

November 9, 2011 at Asphodel-Norwood Community Centre, Norwood.

Correspondence

The following correspondence was provided to the Committee:

- Heather Malcolmson, Acting Director, Source Protection Program Branch, Ministry of the Environment:
 - Approval of the Assessment Reports for all five Source Protection Authorities within the Trent Conservation Coalition Source Protection Region – Oct. 6/11
 - Water Budget Assessment Reporting Requirements – Oct. 5/11
 - Launch of Source Protection Plan Policy Database and Directors Instructions for its use – Sept. 11/11

Review of Draft Policies

Based on discussion and input by the Source Protection Committee from the previous meeting, *draft* policies were reviewed for the following optional source protection plan content:

- Extension of Incentive and Education Programs to First Nations Communities
- Transportation Corridors
- Transport Pathways
- Collection of Climate Change Data

Based on additional feedback from the Ministry of the Environment, new/updated policies were also presented for the following:

- monitoring policies associated with Section 57 (prohibition) policies
- road salt

The Committee was also presented with additional *draft* policies to address the 'pipeline rupture' threat to Lake Ontario intakes based on a comparison of policies between the other Source Protection Regions/Areas with intakes on Lake Ontario. The *draft* policies related to spill response, contingency plans for Water Treatment Plants, regular testing of contingency plans, Lake Ontario circulation & water quality monitoring, spills scenario modeling, and collaboration with adjacent jurisdictions.

After considerable discussion, and some amendments to *draft* wording presented by staff, the Committee agreed to include the *draft* policies in the Source Protection Plan.

Comparison in Source Protection Planning Policies across the Province

A high level comparison of the *draft* policies that have been developed by Committees for the 19 Source Protection Regions/Areas for the entire Province was provided to the Committee. In general, the majority of *draft* policies prepared provincially and among the eastern Source Protection Regions/Areas make use of the prescribed instrument policy tool. The next most prevalent policy tool used is education and outreach. Over two thirds of the *draft* policies list the municipality, including the Risk Management Officer, as the implementing body. The next most commonly assigned implementing body is the Ministry of the Environment.

A follow up to this assessment will be a comparison of the content of the *draft* policies. A more in-depth review of the *draft* policies developed by adjacent Source Protection Regions will be the priority since inconsistency will have implications to shared municipalities.

Update on Pre- Consultation Activities

An overview of the pre-consultation activities that have been carried out with implementing bodies to date was provided. It was noted that most municipalities have responded with written comments.

The Committee agreed to circulate a document to municipalities summarizing all the changes to the policies as a result of comments received. In addition, where a comment or question from a municipality is not addressed in the 'main' document, a custom response will be provided.

Approval of Assessment Reports

The Trent and Ganaraska Assessment Reports have been approved by the Ministry of the Environment. Once an Information Notice has been placed on the Environmental Bill of Rights Registry, municipalities will be notified of the approval and will be provided with a final version of the documents along with the digital GIS shapefiles outlining the vulnerable areas and the Threats Database.

2012 Committee Meeting Schedule

The following dates were proposed for Committee meetings in 2012. All meetings will be held at the Asphodel-Norwood Community Centre in Norwood.

- January 19, 2012
- February 2, 2012
- February 15, 2012
- March 7, 2012
- May 17, 2012
- June 13, 2012

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Thursday, January 19, 2012 at the Asphodel-Norwood Community Centre, Norwood.