

Source Protection Committee

SOURCE PROTECTION COMMITTEE MEETING 46

January 19, 2012 at Asphodel-Norwood Community Centre, Norwood.

Correspondence

The following correspondence was provided to the Committee:

- 33 pieces of correspondence from implementing bodies including municipalities and government agencies regarding feedback on the *draft* policies provided during the pre-consultation period
- Chairs Quarterly Report for September 1st to November 30th, 2011
- 2 letters from the Chair of the Quinte Source Protection Committee to MOE re: addressing the fuel threat in conjunction with the Technical Standard and Safety Association (TSSA) and implementation costs for small municipalities

Development of the Source Protection Plans – January through August

The Committee reviewed and approved the following work plan for the development and consultation on the Source Protection Plans:

- Preparation of *Draft* Proposed Source Protection Plans – January to March
- Public Consultation on the *Draft* Proposed Source Protection Plans (including public meetings) – late March to April
- Preparation of Proposed Source Protection Plans – May to June
- Public Consultation on the Proposed Source Protection Plans – mid June to mid July
- Submission of Proposed Source Protection Plans to the Source Protection Authorities – July to August
- Submission of the Proposed Source Protection Plans to the Ministry of the Environment – August 20

Public Consultation Work Plan

Ontario Regulation 287/07 outlines mandatory public consultation requirements for notification, access to documents, duration of comment period, and public meetings during the development of the source protection plans. The Committee accepted the consultation work plan as presented.

The public meetings during the first phase of public consultation on the *Draft* Proposed Source Protection Plans will be held as follows:

- April 10 – Peterborough
- April 11 – Havelock
- April 12 – Baltimore
- April 16 – Minden
- April 17 – Lindsay
- April 18 – Codrington

Landowners located within the vulnerable areas around municipal wells or intakes with significant drinking water threats have received notices of the source protection planning process as required under Ontario Regulation 287/07. There has been no direct communications with those landowners, in the same areas, who may carry out activities that could be a significant threat in the future. The Committee supported the staff recommendation for the distribution of an information flyer to all landowners who could be a significant threat in the future. This outreach will occur during February and March in advance of the first public consultation phase.

Review of Draft Policies

Staff have reviewed and summarized the feedback received from municipalities, Source Protection Authorities/Conservation Authorities, provincial ministries and other implementing bodies during the pre-consultation process. The Committee reviewed the feedback, and following considerable discussion, made amendments to the following policies:

- General Policies
 - Land Acquisition
 - Support of Incentive Programs
 - Risk Management Plans
 - Education & Outreach
 - Restricted Land Uses
 - Enforcement of Section 57 Prohibition
- DNAPLs / Organic Solvents

Explanatory Document

The Explanatory Document outlines the development of the policies incorporated into the Source Protection Plans with particular emphasis on the rationale for changes during the various phases of policy development. A portion of the document was provided to the Committee to solicit feedback on the layout and content of. This document must be submitted to the Ministry of the Environment with the Plan and will be posted on the website prior to public consultation on the Plans.

Next Meeting

The next SPC meeting had previously been scheduled for Thursday, February 2, 2012; however an additional meeting was set for Monday, January 30 at the Asphodel-Norwood Community Centre, Norwood. This additional meeting has been scheduled to review comments received on *draft* policies addressing agriculture, fuel, and non-agricultural source material threats.