

SOURCE PROTECTION COMMITTEE (SPC) MEETING SUMMARY **MAY 19, 2022– VIRTUAL MEETING/TELECONFERENCE**

1. BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

- There was no business arising from the minutes of the last meeting.

2. CHAIRS REPORT

- J. Hunt provided a report on the Quarterly Chairs Meeting held April 27th
- Chair Appointments expire August 20th
 - Chair J. Hunt discussed the provision in place in the event there is no chair in attendance or the chair is unable to act.

3. PROGRAM UPDATE

Technical Rules

- We are starting to gain a better understanding of the new Technical Rules
 - i. Road Salt Storage – K. Taylor noted that the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP) has clarified some of the wording around the updated Technical Rules, including the meaning of “potentially exposed” which includes cracked or damaged salt storage bins.
 - ii. Snow Storage – K. Taylor addressed how industrial and commercial sites, and snow storage facilities will be impacted by these rules.

Budget

- K. Taylor confirmed the final budget report for the previous fiscal year (April 1, 2021 to March 31, 2022) was submitted on time.
- K. Taylor confirmed the program has received our Transfer Payment Agreement for the next two years, and received everything noted in the budget request.
- K. Taylor provided a budget update regarding a new project to address Other Systems

Other Systems Project

- Program Assistant, T. Bos, provided an oral overview of the new Other Systems project, concerning bringing best practises and guidance regarding Source Protection to non-municipal drinking water systems.

4. LEADS UPDATE

- Each Source Protection Authority (SPA) Lead Staff member provided a verbal report on the status of their local source protection implementation, including:

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- a. Update on above ground fuel tank threat identification;
- b. Update on municipal working groups;
- c. Update on staffing changes, new RMOs;
- d. Update on risk management plans progress;
- e. Current issues or challenges, including S.34 amendments;
- f. Positive progress news;
- g. Update on education and outreach.

5. REVIEW DRAFT SOURCE PROTECTION PLAN AMENDMENTS

- K. Taylor noted staff have begun preparing a track changes version of the Trent Source Protection Plan as part of the s.36 amendment and to address technical rules changes. A similar document will be prepared for the Assessment report and Ganaraska Plan and Assessment Report.
- K. Taylor noted the importance of keeping the Source Protection Committee involved throughout this process, rather than just presenting the document when completed.
- K. Taylor provided details of some of the amendments made to date.
- R. Lake inquired about use of “sodium” and “chloride” in road salt policy, and potential need to add “compound” to the policy wording. The chair explained that both sodium and chloride can be ions found in road salt that can be measured individually.

6. THREE MINOR POLICY DECISIONS

- K. Taylor noted one policy in our Plan is redundant and should be removed:
 - Policy G-8(2) – Prioritization of Risk Management Plans by RMOs. K. Taylor noted this policy was a good idea in the beginning but is now redundant and no longer needed.
- Policy G-11(1) – K. Taylor noted the Committee has already approved new wording for this policy, however for consistency and to be correct, the term “emergency management documents” should be used.
- Policy 4.7.3 refers to First Nation Communities and First Nation Reserves. Staff has consulted with our Indigenous Committee Members and based on their input, staff would like to change these references to both read “Indigenous Communities.”
- Waste Policy - K. Taylor noted wastes described in clauses (p), (q), (r), (s), (t), or (u) of the definition of hazardous waste or in clause (d) of the definition of liquid hazardous waste are no longer significant threats, therefore policy W-4(2) (future) should be removed.
 - Committee discussed tabling this policy challenge until next meeting which was agreed upon by the program coordinator and chair.
- Pesticides
 - K. Taylor noted the pesticide policy may need amending and provided some of the issues facing this decision, and staff will prepare a recommendation for a future meeting.

7. REMAINING POLICY DECISIONS

Road Salt Storage

- K. Taylor noted the new amounts for Road Salt Storage that can be a significant threat are considerably lower than previously (from 500-5000 tonnes down to 10 kg).
- K. Taylor suggested a possible approach of Education and Outreach for 10-100 kg exposed or potentially exposed salt storage, and Part IV for over 100 kg either exposed or potentially exposed. This presents two potential options:
 - i. RMPs for existing and Prohibition for future (typical approach)
 - ii. Prohibition for existing and future (innovative approach)
 - iii. K. Taylor provided potential benefits of this innovative approach, including that only salt stored improperly is prohibited. For example, if a RMO sees a broken salt box the owner will be informed that a broken box is not allowed in the vulnerable area. It doesn't outright prohibit the activity of storing salt but makes sure it is done properly, and the RMO can use this as an opportunity for education and outreach (sticker campaign for awareness).
- K. Taylor noted the response from SPA Leads, RMOs, Crowe Municipal Working Group, and Provincial Project Managers regarding this innovative approach has been positive.
- Snow Storage
 - K. Taylor introduced strategy of RMOs using municipal zoning maps for commercial/industrial designation, where snow storage on a commercial or industrial parking lot in a vulnerable area could be managed by RMPs.
 - K. Taylor suggested the need to add a Prescribed Instrument Policy to address snow storage facilities.
 - R. Straka inquired why institutional zoned areas aren't included with commercial/industrial zoning. K. Taylor noted the Ministry and the new technical rules suggested the risks are greater from commercial/industrial. T. Cox noted the E&O approach for some of these institutional sites has been effective to date.
 - E. Forrest suggested that follow-up discussions with the Ministry regarding this are possible, and a more informal letter is recommended.

8. CONSULTATION PLAN

- K. Taylor provided an overview of the Section 36 Amendment Consultation Plan, including:
- Discretionary Consultation
 - In 2019, staff consulted with Pipeline Companies and Regulators to help form the Pipeline Policies that we have approved for the Trent and Ganaraska Source Protection Plans.
 - Input from Municipal Working Groups
- Mandatory Consultation
 - Section 36 Amendment package will go through following the mandatory consultation steps:
 - Early Engagement with the Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks
 - Pre-consultation
 - Public Consultation (35-day consultation, same list as pre-consultation)
- K. Taylor provided an estimated timetable of these consultation steps.

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9. NEXT MEETING

- Staff indicated the next meeting will be in July, with a doodle poll to be sent out in the coming weeks for availability.

10. ADJOURNMENT

- Meeting adjourned at 3:25 PM.