

SOURCE PROTECTION COMMITTEE (SPC) MEETING SUMMARY JULY 21, 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

- Chair J. Hunt addressed a letter regarding his continuation in the role as Chair. J. Hunt expressed his intent to stay on in this role. He also reflected on the past work of the committee and looking forward to what lies ahead.

3. PROGRAM UPDATE

Other Systems Project

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

Annual Reporting Working Group

- T. Bos provided an oral overview of the Annual Reporting Working Group progress.

Section 34 Amendments

- Blackstock
 - i. K. Taylor noted Public Consultation is under way.
- King's Bay
 - i. There is a proposed development that will require a new well added to the existing system
 - ii. We have been having meetings with the municipality and a meeting with the developers
 - iii. We will probably have another S.34 Amendment related to this development coming soon.

Conservation Ontario

- K. Taylor provided an overview of the progress of a number of Conservation Ontario working groups, including:
 - Project Managers Working Group
 - Transport Pathways Working Group – to meet in the fall
 - Communications Working Group
 - Back to Basics Campaign

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- Best Practices Campaign
- Road Salt Threats Working Group
 - Salt Box Sticker Group
 - Ontario Road Salt Management Advisory
- Education and Outreach – new project in collaboration with Lakehead University
- Other one-off meetings and consultations
 - Consolidated Linear Infrastructure permission approval – April 21, 2022
 - Pipelines – PMs and Agencies – policy concept harmonization – May 5, 2022
 - Canada Energy Regulator – Onshore Pipeline Review Consultation – reviewed and provided comments
- B. Lake questioned whether salt-water pools should be addressed in our road salt policy. K. Taylor noted an Education and Outreach policy could be modified to include this.

4. LEADS UPDATE

- Each Source Protection Authority (SPA) Lead Staff member provided a verbal report on the status of their local source protection implementation (Lower Trent Conservation CAO Rhonda Bateman filled in for the absent Anne Anderson), including:
 - 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. SOURCE PROTECTION PLAN AMENDMENTS

- Road Salt Storage Policy Wording
 - K. Taylor provided an overview of the proposed amended policy wording for Road Salt Policies R-5 and R-6 which address the amended technical rules.
 - R. Straka expressed concern regarding the removal of prohibition for future road salt storage threats. K. Taylor noted previously the prohibition policy R-6 was for quantities over 5,000 tonnes. The new rules will be for much lower quantities (starting at 10 kg) and enforcing prohibition isn't realistic for addressing the small quantities covered in Policy R-6. However, any small quantities more than 100 kg that are not stored properly will be addressed by the new R-5 Policy.
- Removal of Waste Policy W-4(2)

- K. Taylor addressed the removal of small quantity exemption wastes as a significant threat under the 2021 Technical Rules, as they are now managed under Environmental Compliance Approvals for municipal waste. Therefore, any existing Part IV policy including requiring Risk Management Plans, that is directed to this threat sub-category will need to be removed (Policy W-4(2)).
- Snow Storage Proposed Changes
 - K. Taylor noted the new rules now focus on: snow plowed into piles on site in areas where the predominantly land use is Commercial or Industrial (can be managed by Part IV policies), and snow relocated and stored at storm water drainage system outfalls that serve a snow disposal facility (will be managed by a Prescribed Instrument).
 - K. Taylor defined and clarified the difference between a “Snow Dump” and “a stormwater drainage system outfall that serves a Snow Disposal Facility” and that our existing Policy O-1 currently covers both, but that a new Prescribed Instrument Policy is needed for storm water drainage system outfalls that serve a snow disposal facility.
- Snow Storage Proposed Changes– Continued
 - Policy O-2 does not need to change except the Applicable Activities will now be for Snow Dumps only.
 - Policy O-3 is new, Risk Management Plans for existing and future for snow plowed and stored where the predominantly land use is Commercial or Industrial. K. Taylor noted prohibition for future is problematic.
 - K. Taylor addressed the gap in the new technical rules, in that large residential and institutional parking lots are not included as significant threats and but can be covered by Education and Outreach. It might also be possible to include some snow storage measures, if a road salt risk management plan is required for larger parking lots. Staff will continue to try to convince the MECF to change the rules to include large residential and institutional parking lots as significant threats in the future.
- Explanatory Document – Economic Impact
 - K. Taylor provided an overview of the economic impact of the above proposed policy amendments, noting this will be included in the Source Protection Plan Explanatory Document.

6. REMAINING POLICY DECISIONS

- Pesticide Application Policies
 - K. Taylor proposed amending the prohibition policy for future threats in WHPA-A and IPZ-1, to add an exemption for health or environmental reasons.

- K. Taylor also recommended adding “with a vulnerability score of 9 or higher” to policies A-4(1) and A-4(4).

7. ASSESSMENT REPORT AMENDMENTS

- Staff have begun the necessary amendments for the Assessment Report which will be part of our Section 536 Amendment Package. K. Taylor summarized the new technical rule changes which will impact the Assessment Report, and “passing of time” amendments, including updated populations and updated threat numbers.

8. NEXT MEETING

- Staff indicated the next meeting will be in late September or early October, and a poll for member availability will be sent out prior to that.

9. ADJOURNMENT

- Meeting adjourned at 3:25 PM.