

Human Health Risk Assessment (HHRA) - Flin Flon / Creighton Community Advisory Committee (CAC)

March 25, 2010 – HBMS Staffhouse Basement
Meeting #14

Attendance

Community Advisory Committee (CAC) Membership					
Don Aasen Town of Creighton	X	Bev Hill NorMan Regional Health	X	Deb Odegaard FF&D Env't Council	X
Robert Bratvold Creighton School Board	X	Tom Lindsey Steelworkers Union		Bill Pauley Flin Flon School Division	X
Kaylah Knight General Public		Charlene Logan General Public	X	Dave Price Green Project	X
Ian Cooper HBMS	X	Barb Lyons General Public	X	Bill Hanson City of Flin Flon	X
Cheryl Hordal General Public	X	Christa McIntyre Healthy Flin Flon			

Guests / Other		
Sheldon McLeod (Facilitator) S.L. McLeod Consulting	Shirley Neault (Recorder) HBMS	Elliot Sigal Intrinsic Environmental
TAC Member (Observer) George Bihun SK Environment	Dr. Susan Roberecki (via telephone) MB Health & Healthy Living	Blair Jackson Goss Gilroy Inc.
TAC Member (Observer) Dave Bezak (via telephone) MB Conservation	Dr. James Irvine Churchill River Health Region	Audrey Romanchuk MB Conservation
Dr. Lawrence Elliott (via telephone) NOR-MAN Health Region		

Introduction

- Facilitator Sheldon McLeod called the meeting to order and reviewed the agenda.
- A review of the draft notes of the previous meeting was conducted. The notes were approved.
- Action Items from the previous meeting were reviewed. The status of these action items is summarized in the tables at the end of these notes.
- This was an in-camera meeting to allow the committee an opportunity to understand the preliminary results of the HHRA and Exposure Study, prior to the release of the information to the general public. Another in-camera session will take place closer to the public release of the reports, to expand on the opportunity via a workshop session.
- The committee was cautioned that the overview being shared is still evolving and was reminded that the information is confidential at this point.

Member's Commentary – Community Feedback

- Each CAC member was given the opportunity to share what they are hearing in the community regarding the HHRA.
 - It remains very quiet in the community.
 - Following the article in The Reminder regarding no further testing (as part of the study) for lead levels, a member was asked for an explanation by a community resident. The response provided

to the resident regarding privacy issues and independent follow-up with the family physician seemed to be satisfactory to the resident.

Status of HHRA / Exposure Study / Integration (Bridge) Document

Reference Documentation – hhra-results for CAC-March 25 2010
-- Integration for CAC-March 25 2010
-- Mar_25_2010+CAC_EofE-Presentation

- Elliot Sigal from Intrinsic and Blair Jackson from Goss Gilroy provided updates on the overall HHRA and related documents. As the updates included results not yet ready for publication, these meeting notes reflect only items that won't prejudice the overall process.
 - The Integration (or Bridge) Document will essentially reduce the information in the HHRA from 1000+ pages to approximately 60 pages. This Integration Document is envisioned to be the main document read by the public at large.
 - The preliminary answers to the four questions used as the basis for the Exposure Study were provided. The review also provided opportunity for the committee to make suggestions regarding the words used to present the findings to the public, when that time comes.
 - The HHRA report is complete. Comments provided by both the TAC and TERA (Peer Review Panel) have been responded to and re-reviewed by the Panel. A letter back to Intrinsic from TERA acknowledges that the points raised by the Panel have been addressed. All of these comments will become part of the public record as an appendix to the HHRA report.

Question: Would it not be helpful to have the results of the follow-up testing conducted on the exposure study participants for use in the overall study and conclusions?

Response: Due to the small sample size, statistically there would be little to no value in using the follow-up testing results. In addition, the privacy of the individuals needs to be maintained.

Question: Remind me about the soil results. What were the levels?

Response: There is no pattern between levels in soil and levels found in the exposure study participants.

Workshop

- The planned upcoming workshop was discussed in more detail. In light of the information provided at this meeting, the expanded detail planned for the workshop, the plain language summary report which should be ready and provided for review prior to the workshop, the potential risk management details and preliminary communication plans available for review and input, the committee agreed that the Friday evening and Saturday morning sessions originally planned still make sense.

Communication

- A short discussion regarding the process for communicating all of this information to the public yielded several ideas:
 - Establish a local contact to answer questions (similar to the arrangement made during the exposure study).
 - Prepare short audio or audio/video clips for each chemical of concern for use at several stations at the Open House and for posting on the website.
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- The students at the school could prepare, edit, etc. these clips.
 - Insert links within text on the website to further information via key words.
 - Provide speakers notes to key community leaders.
 - Hold one Open House, provide window for public digestion of information and comment period, and then hold another Open House. If this suggestion is used, it was further suggested that the second Open House be held off until September, to avoid the summer season.

- A joint TAC / CAC discussion to prepare for the overall communication may be helpful.

Other Business

- A suggestion was made to consider dedicating the study to the memory of Geoff Jones whose MB Conservation soil study led to this HHRA.
- “Thanks” from MB Conservation to the CAC for the ongoing commitment to this process was expressed.

#	Action	Responsibility	Target Date	Status
032	Offer suggestions for engaging the public when the final report is ready	CAC Members	2010-02-28	2008-06-17, new 2009-09-02, ongoing 2009-12-01, ongoing 2010-03-25, ongoing

NEXT MEETING: **Workshop**
 May 7-8, 2010
 Tentative times:
 6:00-9:00 pm
 9:00-12:00 am
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