

Human Health Risk Assessment (HHRA) - Flin Flon / Creighton Technical Advisory Committee (TAC)

March 11, 2009

Teleconference – TERA Presentation

Attendance

MB Conservation:	Dave Bezak, Dean Kasur
MB Health & Healthy Living:	Lawrence Elliott
MB STEM:	None
MB Water Stewardship:	Dave Green, Kevin Jacobs
SERM:	George Bihun
SK Health:	James Irvine
Health Canada:	None
HBMS:	Alan Hair, Shirley Neault
Intrinsic Environmental:	Elliot Sigal, Adam Safruk
Facilitator:	Sheldon McLeod
Observers:	Dave Price
TERA:	Dr. Michael Dourson, Jacqueline Patterson

Introduction

- The agenda was reviewed and accepted.
- As the sole purpose for the meeting was to discuss the Independent Expert Review Panel (IERP), the notes from the previous meeting were not reviewed and approved. The notes will be finalized during the next teleconference.

Peer Review Panel

Toxicology Excellence for Risk Assessment (TERA)

TERA Conf Call Slides

- A presentation was made by TERA personnel regarding the Independent Expert Review Panel (IERP).
 - Independence is essential for a credible review. As such, the TERA group will not communicate directly with HBMS on any technical or scientific issues. Direct contact with the company is restricted to contract / financial issues.
 - Communication between the IERP and the TAC will occur through a designated contact person (see action #105).
- The IERP will likely be chaired by Dr. Michael Dourson, President of TERA.
- Approximately ten experts will have the HHRA report for 6-8 weeks prior to a two-day meeting.
- TERA had several questions to support the IERP process:

Question: Who will the primary contact for TERA be?

Response: See action #105.

Question: Will the two-day meeting be open to the public?

Response: There are advantages (e.g. transparency) and disadvantages (e.g. can the report be made available to the public prior to the meeting) to holding a public meeting. A decision will be made during the next teleconference (see action #106).

Question: Where will the meeting be held, Flin Flon or Winnipeg?

Response: This question is linked to the public meeting decision. The location could impact the ability to attract the best available experts, as Flin Flon could add to the overall time commitment required for travelling. Several options could be explored to minimize the

impact (e.g. charter flights from a major airport, hold the meeting in Winnipeg with a video link to the public in Flin Flon, etc.) (see action #106).

Question: When will the revised draft HHRA report be available for distribution to the panel?

Response: The revised report should be available by the end of March, but could be two weeks into April. The executive summary is drafted and is under internal review at Intrinsik.

Review of Schedule and Deliverables

TERA Schedule and Deliverables

- The activity “Draft Charge to Peer Reviewers” was discussed. TERA will prepare an outline for the meeting discussion to identify the key scientific issues for the panel to consider. The TAC will have one week to review the charge. TERA will then select the required experts (see action #107-09).
- The only week that cannot be used for the meeting is July 6-10.

#	Action	Responsibility	Target Date	Status
105	Approve Sheldon as the primary contact for TERA	MB Conservation	2009-03-12	2009-03-11, new
106	Decide if the IERP meeting will be public or not & where it should be held	TAC	2009-03-23	2009-03-11, new
107	Prepare draft charge questions	TERA	2009-03-23	2009-03-11, new
108	Review draft charge questions	TAC	2009-03-30	2009-03-11, new
109	Select panel members	TERA	2009-04-30	2009-03-11, new

NEXT MEETING:

Teleconference: March 23