

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

March 23, 2009
Teleconference

Attendance

MB Conservation: Dave Bezak, Mike Gilbertson, Geoff Jones, Scott Nicol
 MB Health & Healthy Living: Lawrence Elliott, Susan Roberecki
 MB STEM: None
 MB Water Stewardship: Dave Green, Kevin Jacobs
 SMOE: George Bihun
 SK Health: James Irvine, Karen Hill, Shala Ricklefs
 Health Canada: Lindsay Smith, Paul Partridge
 HBMS: Alan Hair, Ian Cooper, Shirley Neault
 Intrinsic Environmental: Elliot Sigal, Adam Safruk
 Facilitator: None
 Observers: Dave Price

Introduction

- The agenda was reviewed and accepted.
- The notes from the previous meeting (February 23) were not approved. The discussion regarding the communication of these notes was deferred until later in the meeting.

Draft HHRA

- Good progress is being made on the rewrite of the draft report.
- Intrinsic has not encountered too many comments that they disagree with and they have no comments requiring further clarification. The comments that Intrinsic disagrees with will be flagged for the Independent Expert Review Panel (IERP). The bottom-line conclusions will not change.
- A draft executive summary to accompany the report was circulated just prior to this meeting (see action #110). A longer layperson version still needs to be written.
- The overall schedule remains on track. The redraft of the report will go to TAC and TERA at the same time. The comment table will be part of the report (as an appendix).

#	Action	Responsibility	Target Date	Status
096	Review and incorporate, as appropriate, comments on the draft HHRA provided by TAC members	Intrinsic	2009-03-20	2009-02-23, new 2009-03-23, ongoing
097	Follow-up on outstanding issues	Intrinsic / Lindsay Smith	2009-03-13	2009-02-23, new 2009-03-23, ongoing
098	Supply additional drinking water background information to Intrinsic for consideration	Geoff / George	2009-03-04	2009-02-23, new 2009-03-23, ongoing (no response from MB Water Stewardship yet; no info available in SK)
099	Provide further comments (in Word) to Intrinsic	TAC Members	2009-02-27	2009-02-23, new 2009-03-23, Complete

#	Action	Responsibility	Target Date	Status
110	Review and comment on the draft executive summary to be used as a technical summary within the report	TAC Members	2009-03-31	2009-03-23, new

Biomonitoring

- The potential biomonitoring process preparations are ongoing. The originally identified principal investigator is not available so contact is being made with other possible leads.
- Should the need for biomonitoring be confirmed, June 8 is the deadline for submission for ethics review.
- A biomonitoring report could be available by January, 2010.

#	Action	Responsibility	Target Date	Status
103	Share draft biomonitoring schedule with entire TAC	George Bihun	2009-03-13	2009-02-23, new 2009-03-23, Complete
104	Send official invite to participate in the biomonitoring process to Health Canada	Dave Bezak	2009-03-06	2009-02-23, new 2009-03-23, Complete

Peer Review Panel

- The charge questions for TERA will largely consist of the comment response table as well as questions already received from TERA. Any additional comments / concerns from the TAC members will also be used in the charge (see action #111)

#	Action	Responsibility	Target Date	Status
100	Complete the selection process for the IRP	IRP Sub-group	2009-02-25	2009-02-23, new 2009-03-23, Complete
101	Circulate charge questions raised by the IRP in Sudbury	Elliot Sigal	2009-03-13	2009-02-23, new 2009-03-23, Complete
105	Approve Sheldon as the primary contact for TERA	MB Conservation	2009-03-12	2009-03-11, new 2009-03-23, Complete
106	Decide if the IERP meeting will be public or not & where it should be held	TAC	2009-03-23	2009-03-11, new 2009-03-23, ongoing
107	Prepare draft charge questions	TERA	2009-03-23	2009-03-11, new 2009-03-23, ongoing
108	Review draft charge questions	TAC	2009-03-30	2009-03-11, new 2009-03-23, ongoing
109	Select panel members	TERA	2009-04-30	2009-03-11, new 2009-03-23, ongoing
111	Raise report comments / concerns ASAP to be added to charge	TAC Members	2009-04-01	2009-03-23, new 2009-03-23, ongoing

Fish and Berry Study

#	Action	Responsibility	Target Date	Status
102	Send additional data for the fish report to Stantec and then call to discuss	Alan Hair	2009-02-25	2009-02-23, new 2009-03-23, Complete
112	Circulate revised fish draft report for comment	Alan Hair	2009-03-27	2009-03-23, new

Public Consideration

- Some possibilities regarding the next CAC meeting(s) were discussed. It was decided that a CAC meeting should be held in April to update the group. The potential need for biomonitoring will be released but it is not appropriate that details be shared at this point. This should be part of the general update slides that will be prepared by Intrinsik (see action #113).
- The notes from the February 23 meeting get into significant detail regarding the draft report and, as such, should not be posted on the website as is. The group decided that a condensed version could be posted now and the detailed version could be posted after the report is released.

#	Action	Responsibility	Target Date	Status
113	Draft CAC update slides and circulate for comment by TAC	Intrinsik / TAC Members	2009-04-06 & 2009-04-13	2009-03-23, new

NEXT MEETING:

Teleconference: April 6, 2009 at 1:00