

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

May 6, 2009
Teleconference

Attendance

MB Conservation: Dave Bezak, Geoff Jones, Dean Kasur, Ines Hiraoka
 MB Health & Healthy Living: Susan Roberecki
 MB STEM: None
 MB Water Stewardship: Kevin Jacobs
 SERM: None
 SK Health: James Irvine
 Health Canada: Lindsay Smith
 HBMS: Alan Hair, Shirley Neault
 Intrinsic Environmental: Elliot Sigal, Adam Safruk
 Facilitator: Sheldon McLeod
 Observers: Dave Price

Introduction

- The agenda was reviewed and accepted.
- The notes from the March 23 meeting were approved.
- The notes of the April 6 meeting were not approved. Minor changes were requested. These will be re-circulated prior to approval.
- The action items from the previous meetings were updated as indicated in the tables below.

Draft HHRA

#	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 2009-04-06, ongoing 2009-05-06 Complete
097	Follow-up on outstanding issues	Intrinsic / Lindsay Smith	2009-03-13	2009-02-23, new 2009-04-06, ongoing 2009-05-06 Complete
098	Supply additional drinking water background information to Intrinsic for consideration	Geoff / George	2009-03-04	2009-02-23, new 2009-04-06, ongoing (no response from MB Water Stewardship yet; no info available in SK) 2009-05-06 Complete
110	Review and comment on the draft executive summary to be used as a technical summary within the report	TAC Members	2009-03-31	2009-02-23, new 2009-04-06, ongoing (see action #114) 2009-05-06 Complete
114	Issue revised executive summary to TAC	Elliot Sigal	2009-04-09	2009-04-06, new 2009-05-06 Complete

CAC Meeting Update

- At the last CAC meeting, HHRA updates were provided to that group by Intrinsik. Presentations were also delivered by TERA and Health Department personnel.
 - There was good discussion and questions from the CAC members.
 - The group was quite interested in seeing the plans for the possible exposure study prior to the ethics review.
 - The next meeting of the CAC is scheduled for June 1 (see action #117).

#	Action	Responsibility	Target Date	Status
117	Prepare for exposure study plan presentation to CAC	Exposure Study Team	2009-05-27	2009-05-06, new

Peer Review Panel

- The meeting dates for the IERP have been narrowed down to either the week of June 15 or the week of June 22.
- The make-up of the panel will likely only be shared with the TAC a week or two prior to the meeting.

#	Action	Responsibility	Target Date	Status
107	Prepare draft charge questions	TERA	2009-03-23	2009-03-11, new 2009-04-06, ongoing 2009-05-06, Complete
108	Review draft charge questions	TAC	2009-03-30	2009-03-11, new 2009-04-06, ongoing 2009-05-06, Complete
109	Select panel members	TERA	2009-04-30	2009-03-11, new 2009-04-06, ongoing 2009-05-06, ongoing
111	Raise report comments / concerns ASAP to be added to charge	TAC Members	2009-04-01	2009-03-23, new 2009-04-06, ongoing 2009-05-06 Complete

Fish and Berry Study

#	Action	Responsibility	Target Date	Status
112	Circulate revised fish draft report for comment	Alan Hair	2009-03-27	2009-03-23, new 2009-04-06, ongoing 2009-05-06 Complete (see action #118)
118	Comment on fish report	TAC Members	2009-05-10	2009-05-06, new
119	Follow-up with lab re fresh vs. dry weights for berry analysis	Adam Safruk	2009-05-20	2009-05-06, new

- The previously raised concern about the fresh versus dry weights used for the blueberry analysis has not been resolved (see action #119).

Public Consideration

#	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 2009-04-06, ongoing 2009-05-06 Complete

Exposure Study Proposal

- Good progress is being made on the exposure study plan. The study methodologies and protocols are being developed.
- The local regional health authorities will need to approve the plan, should it be implemented. This would occur after ethics review.
- The ethics review may use the University of Calgary as the primary (since it is the home university of the principal investigator), with the possibility of using the University of Manitoba and/or the University of Saskatchewan as secondary reviewers.

Preparing Information for TERA

#	Action	Responsibility	Target Date	Status
115	Complete summary of comments / replies on draft HHRA Report	Intrinsik	2009-04-09	2009-04-06, new 2009-05-06 Complete (see Appendix F)
116	Submit comments on Charge Questions for TERA to Sheldon McLeod	TAC Members	2009-04-09	2009-04-06, new 2009-05-06 Complete

NEXT MEETING:

Teleconference

May 25 at 3:00 PM Central