

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

May 25, 2009
Teleconference

Attendance

MB Conservation: Dave Bezak, Geoff Jones, Dean Kasur
MB Health & Healthy Living: Lawrence Elliott, Susan Roberecki
MB STEM: Doina Priscu
MB Water Stewardship: Kevin Jacobs
SERM: George Bihun
SK Health: Shala Ricklefs, David Sampson
Health Canada: Lindsay Smith
HBMS: Alan Hair, Shirley Neault
Intrinsic Environmental: Elliot Sigal, Adam Safruk
Facilitator: Sheldon McLeod
Observers: Tom Lindsey, Dave Price
Guests: Michael Dourson & Jacqueline Patterson (TERA) Blair Jackson & Celine Pinsent (Goss Gilroy)

Introduction

- The agenda was reviewed and accepted.
- The notes from the April 6 and May 6 meetings were approved.
- The action items from the previous meetings were updated as indicated in the tables below.

CAC Meeting Update

#	Action	Responsibility	Target Date	Status
117	Prepare for exposure study plan presentation to CAC	Exposure Study Team	2009-05-27	2009-05-06, new 2009-05-25, ongoing

Peer Review Panel

- The IERP meeting is set for June 23-24 in Winnipeg.
- The draft HHRA, appendices, charge questions and agenda were sent to the panel on May 5. Consequently, some cited references have been requested by and provided to the panel (see action #120).
- Pre-meeting comments made by the panel will be provided to Intrinsic but will not be part of the IERP report or attributable to any specific panel member (see action #121).
- A handout was previously circulated to TAC members who may be observing the IERP meeting. The handout contains the ground rules for participation in the meeting, including the process for communicating questions or comments throughout the review (via index cards).
- A draft agenda was also circulated earlier. The meeting is structured in five sections in alignment with the charge and draft documents. Each section will start with an approximate ten minute presentation by Intrinsic followed by the panel discussion (see action #122). The 30 charge questions are divided into the appropriate section to be dealt with during that part of the agenda while ensuring that they are all dealt with by the end of the meeting.
- The panel members have also requested an approximate ten minute presentation on HBMS' background, including an area map (see action #123).
- The panel meeting chair described his process: presentation, clarifying questions, comments, discussion (raise hand if clarification from authors is needed – must be in the form of a question).

- “Homework” may be required for panel members and/or authors, as handed out by Michael.
- TERA will prepare a meeting report on behalf of the panel; the draft will be review and approved by the panel members and the HHRA authors.
- The meeting may be recorded to ensure that nothing is missed. The recording, if used, would be destroyed once the notes are completed.
- REMINDERS:
 - Do not contact panel members (and vice versa)
 - Report to TERA immediately if any contact occurs
 - A conference call with Intrinsik is required the week before the panel meeting for final questions

#	Action	Responsibility	Target Date	Status
109	Select panel members	TERA	2009-04-30	2009-03-11, new 2009-04-06, ongoing 2009-05-06, ongoing 2009-05-25, Complete
120	Bring references (cited in the report) electronically to the IERP meeting	Intrinsik	2009-06-23	2009-05-25, new
121	Provide pre-meeting panel comments to Intrinsik	TERA	209-06-04	2009-05-25, new
122	Provide PowerPoint presentations for each section of the IERP meeting, including who is presenting on which section to TERA	Intrinsik	2009-06-18	2009-05-25, new
123	Prepare and deliver a background of HBMS presentation	Intrinsik / Alan	2009-06-18	2009-05-25, new

Fish and Berry Study

#	Action	Responsibility	Target Date	Status
118	Comment on fish report	TAC Members	2009-05-10	2009-05-06, new 2009-05-25, Complete
119	Follow-up with lab re fresh vs. dry weights for berry analysis	Adam Safruk	2009-05-20	2009-05-06, new 2009-05-25, Complete

- The report is ready to be posted, despite the remaining concern that the berry data is not aligned with Manitoba Conservation from 2000 (the Stantec numbers are higher).

Exposure Study Proposal

- A draft presentation for the CAC meeting was circulated before this meeting. It was decided that a revised deck, with speaking notes for each slide, is required (see action #124)
- Goss Gilroy personnel discussed the potential exposure study:
 - Initial comments on the draft study proposal have been received.
 - At this point, only the sub-committee members from the TAC have seen the draft (see action #125).

Question: The peer reviewers for the exposure study proposal have asked for a copy of the draft HHRA. Is this possible?

Response: Yes, provided a confidentiality agreement is in place.

#	Action	Responsibility	Target Date	Status
124	Circulate revised presentation for CAC	Intrinsik	2009-05-27	2009-05-25, new
125	Circulate draft exposure study methodology report to TAC	Intrinsik	2009-05-28	2009-05-25, new

Preparing for CAC

- A one-pager outlining the potential exposure study was requested (see action # 126).

#	Action	Responsibility	Target Date	Status
126	Prepare and distribute a one-pager regarding the exposure study for use at the CAC	Goss Gilroy	2009-05-27	2009-05-25, new

NEXT MEETING:

To be determined