

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

August 25, 2009
Teleconference

Attendance

MB Conservation:	Dave Bezak, Geoff Jones
MB Health:	Lawrence Elliot, Susan Roberecki
MB STEM:	None
MB Water Stewardship:	Kevin Jacobs
SERM:	George Bihun
SK Health:	James Irvine, Shala Ricklefs
Health Canada:	Lindsay Smith
HBMS:	Ian Cooper, Alan Hair, Joel Nilsen
Intrinsic Environmental:	Elliot Sigal, Adam Safruk
Facilitator:	None
Observers:	None

Introduction

- The agenda was reviewed and accepted.
- The notes from the July 21 meeting were accepted.
- The action items from the previous meeting were updated as indicated in the tables below.

Update on Environmental Exposure Studies

- The exposure study was submitted to the University of Calgary for research ethics approval. The University reviewed the proposal and sent back a letter indicating that, in their opinion, this study did not require the approval of an ethics board.
- The University's response was not satisfactory to the members of the Exposure Sub-Committee, and the exposure study was sent to a second independent ethics review board, who assured the members that a quick turnaround was possible and that the study schedule would not need to be altered.
- The peer review committee comments were received. While some clarification and information updates were requested, no methodology issues were raised.

Communications Strategy Development

- The proposed schedule and communications material for the exposure study were distributed to members of the TAC earlier in the week.
- The TAC recommended that the Communications Working Group should meet to ensure co-ordination of press releases and public information related to the exposure study (see action #134).

Preparations for September 2nd CAC Meeting

- Intrinsic was requested to prepare a schedule for the CAC Meeting (see action #135).
- Intrinsic indicated that the HHRA Report will be updated once the IERP Report, expected within the next week, is received. Overall, the HHRA Report is a bit behind schedule due to delays with the IERP Report, but the next draft should be released on schedule (i.e. late September / early October).
- Intrinsic was requested to update the HHRA Gantt chart and schedule for the CAC Meeting (see action #136).

- Sheldon McLeod was requested to prepare an update on the peer review process for the CAC Meeting (see action #137).
- Manitoba Water Stewardship indicated that it had conducted verification monitoring in area lakes to confirm that mercury concentrations were normal.

NEXT MEETING: Monday, September 21st, 2:00 PM (MB) - Tentative Teleconference

#	Action	Responsibility	Target Date	Status
125	Circulate draft exposure study methodology report to TAC	Intrinsik / Shirley Neault	2009-05-28	2009-05-25, new 2009-06-26, ongoing 2009-07-21, ongoing 2009-08-25, Complete
127	Advise the CAC that the TAC recommendation is to proceed with the exposure study.	Sheldon McLeod	2009-06-30	2009-06-26, new 2009-07-21, Complete
128	Flesh out exposure study recommendation.	Exposure Study Sub-Committee	2009-07-03	2009-06-26, new 2009-07-21, Complete
129	Finalize the communications strategy for the exposure study.	Intrinsik/ Goss Gilroy	2009-07-25	2009-06-26, new 2009-07-21, ongoing 2009-08-25, ongoing
130	Assemble the CWG to review the exposure study communications strategy.	Alan Hair	2009-07-27	2009-06-26, new 2009-07-21, ongoing 2009-08-25, Complete
131	Document the decision to allow extra test subjects whose results would not be used in the overall community assessment.	Elliot Sigal	2009-07-25	2009-07-21, new 2009-08-25, ongoing
132	Develop a one-pager (starting with health) to outline the potential outcomes and post-study activity.	Lawrence / Susan / James	2009-08-31	2009-07-21, new 2009-08-25, ongoing
133	Add to the one-pager started by the Health Dept. reps for potential community environment follow-up to the exposure study.	TAC	2009-09-04	2009-07-21, new 2009-08-25, ongoing
134	Arrange teleconference of the Communications Working Group to discuss exposure study communications plan.	Alan Hair	2009-08-26	2009-08-25, new
135	Prepare schedule for the Community Advisory Committee on September 2 nd .	Elliot Sigal	2009-09-01	2009-08-25, new
136	Update Gantt Chart for overall HHRA progress.	Elliot Sigal	2009-09-01	2009-08-25, new
137	Prepare update on the peer review process.	Sheldon McLeod	2009-09-01	2009-08-25, new