

**Sudbury Soils Study
Technical Committee
Key Progress & Decision Summary for Meeting of March 10, 2005**

Drinking Water Survey: Completed

Cd (Cadmium) as a Candidate Chemical of Concern: Based on the Sara Group analysis there appears to be no justification to identify cadmium as a chemical of concern in either the Sudbury Ecological Risk Assessment or Human Health Risk Assessment to which the Technical Committee agreed pending final review of the written report.

Communications Sub-Committee Chair: This committee required a new chair per their Terms of Reference and the rotation of the position (Chair duties rotate amongst the five member organizations on a quarterly basis). It was recommended that Mr. Cory McPhee from INCO Ltd. be the Chair for this rotation to which he agreed.

TERA Group (International Expert Review Panel): It was requested the Request for Proposal and the Terms of Reference be posted on the website. The Working Group has arranged to have this group attend the next Technical and Public Advisory Committee meetings to bring them up to speed on the study.

Timeline for Completion of the Sudbury Soils Study: The SARA Group noted that tentatively they expect the Human Health Risk Assessment will be completed by mid-June/July and the Ecological Risk Assessment completed soon after those dates. It was recommended the proposed timeline for completion of the Sudbury Soils Study be posted on website.

Public Release of Technical Committee Minutes: Working Group recommended that a succinct summary of the minutes be created for Public Advisory Committee and public. The purpose of the summary would be to create a chronology of key Technical Committee decisions. On a trial basis, the Technical Committee requested a summary be done for these minutes to determine the quality of such a document. This document is to be tabled at the next meeting for review and approval.

Interim Dust Results: The Sudbury & District Health Unit tabled a letter in response to the study results that show a small number of homes should receive specific lead-related advice. The Health Unit is working with the SARA Group to incorporate appropriate messaging and provide information on how to reduce household exposure to lead.