

**Sudbury Soils Study
Technical Committee
Key Progress & Decision Summary for Meeting of May 12, 2005**

SARA Group Monthly Report

- a) **Volume 1 – General:** This is currently under construction.
- b) **Volume 2 – Human Health Risk Assessment:** The drinking water, food consumption, vegetable garden and air monitoring reports are at various stages of draft. The speciation and bioaccessibility analysis is underway.
- c) **Volume 3 – Ecological Risk Assessment:** The soil toxicity testing is nearing completion; the field collection of litterbags is underway; the re-greening and remote sensing reports are nearing completion; and the draft aquatic problem formulation document is complete for SARA Group internal review.

Consultation Update: It was reported that Chris Bacigalupo of the SARA Group will be making a presentation at the next Public Advisory Committee meeting regarding the Human Health Risk Assessment model. As well, Marc Butler will be giving an update on the Falconbridge Urinary Arsenic Study.

The SARA Group submitted an article on the study legacy to the Sudbury Mining Solutions. A presentation was also provided by members of the Working Group to the Rainbow District School Board senior science teachers.

It was also reported that the *Update* newsletter is still under construction.

Communications Sub-Committee Monthly Report: Mr. Cory McPhee has had to withdraw as Chair of this committee. As a result, Ian Hamilton from Falconbridge has accepted to be the Chair of the CSC.

TERA Group Update: It was reported that the Human Health Risk Assessment, Ecological Risk Assessment methodologies and the Ecological Risk Assessment goals and objectives were sent to TERA as background documents. They have requested SARA and the Technical Committee to forward information that would relate to the charge to the panel. The Unions, Public Advisory Chair and the Independent Process Observer were also invited to submit their questions to the Working Group as well. It was noted that the TERA Group would formulate the final charge to the panel and these would be posted on the website for public review