

Sudbury Soils Study
Technical Committee Minutes – Meeting #50
Key Progress & Decision Summary for Meeting of June 8, 2006

SARA Group Monthly Report

Volume I – Background: C. Wren distributed draft 2.0 of this volume which was first tabled last July. C. Wren indicated that this volume also contains the chapter on public communications which will continue to be updated as we progress through to the final stage. C. Wren also noted that he has changed reference from community based risk assessment to area wide risk assessment throughout the document.

Communications Update: SARA reported that at the last Public Advisory Committee meeting, members of the companies provided the presentation on upcoming environmental changes. He also reported that the Independent Process Observer Report was sent out as well. In addition, press releases have been drafted for the end of June for review and approval.

Volume II - HHRA: This volume is in the process of being re-done. SARA still has the speciation and bioaccessibility sections to complete.

Volume III – ERA: Comments are due from the Technical Committee by June 19th. This has been extended for the Ministry of the Environment to July.

SSS Schedule Update: This revised schedule outlines the timelines for the sending of documents to TERA and subsequently to the IERP. It also indicates the dates for conference calls and meeting schedules. It was noted that September 25th is the target date for the IERP meeting in Sudbury. Tentatively the schedule would be the evening before a meeting with Technical Committee, Public Advisory Committee and media and TERA will provide an overview of what to expect the following two days. It was noted that the target date of February 19th 2007 is for the Open House and the public release of Volumes I and II. June 11th 2007 is the target date for the Open House for the public release of Volume III. I. Hamilton wanted to make sure everyone was comfortable with this schedule as he will now release these dates (non-specifically) to the public. It was noted that TERA had no problem with the schedule, but unforeseen circumstances could alter these dates at any time.

TC Terms of Reference: Additional revisions were requested. This document was then approved.

INCO and Falconbridge “Framework for Decision Making on HHRA Risk Management” Report: G. Watson stated that this report will be authored by INCO and Falconbridge as risk management will be their responsibility. The approach for moving from risk assessment to risk management will be developed in consultation with the regulator(s). The report will be offered to the Technical Committee for information and comments from the Public Advisory Committee will be considered by INCO and Falconbridge. This report will focus on Human Health risks and management of those risks, if they exist. A separate report will address the management of ecological risks.

Glossary:

SSS – Sudbury Soils Study
PAC – Public Advisory Committee
CSC – Communications Sub-Committee
ERA – Ecological Risk Assessment

TC – Technical Committee
WG – Technical Committee Working Group
HHRA – Human Health Risk Assessment
IERP – International Expert Review Panel