

Sudbury Soils Study
Technical Committee Minutes – Meeting #60
Key Progress & Decision Summary for Meeting June 19, 2008

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Human Health Risk Assessment: The Technical Committee was informed that a request had come in to extend the comment period to a similar time frame when the French Language Summary report is completed and distributed. The Technical Committee was reminded that the entire Human Health Risk Assessment report had not been translated; only the 50 page Summary report and that this report was a month away from being translated. It was determined that the same process and time frame set for the English report will be applied to the French report and that the focus of distribution of the French report would be to the francophone community.

As well, a request was also received for a French presentation on the findings of the Human Health Risk Assessment report. The Ministry of the Environment and Working Group will accommodate this request.

Communication Activities: Dr. Wren reported that two *Update* newsletters were prepared and circulated relating to the release of the Human Health Risk Assessment results and report. He also informed the group that he gave a presentation on the Human Health Risk Assessment to the Whitefish Lake First Nations. He stated that the SARA Group continues to monitor e-mails and telephone calls related to the Human Health Risk Assessment release. He also outlined the media encounters during the release of the Human Health Risk Assessment.

Volume II – Human Health Risk Assessment: Dr. Wren indicated 1,000 copies of the Human Health Risk Assessment Summary report were distributed. Fifty thousand copies of the Results newsletter were also produced and distributed in both English and French. The final Human Health Risk Assessment report is posted on the website and is available at all libraries for public review which continues until July 31st.

Volume III – Ecological Risk Assessment: The final draft (CD version) of the Ecological Risk Assessment has been submitted to the Technical Committee for review on June 15th. Dr. Wren indicated that the full report is 4,004 pages long and he gave an overview of the review process to date and the most significant changes made following technical sessions with the Working Group and Ministry of the Environment. Overall, he stated, changes to the Ecological Risk Assessment did not change results or conclusions.

Dr. Wren recommended, on behalf of the Communications Sub-Committee, that only one public release be held at Science North once the report is completed with smaller specific presentations provided to special interest groups upon request to which the Technical Committee agreed.

Community Program for Lead Risk Management: The Technical Committee was updated on the creation of a Risk Management Steering Committee to assist the community in addressing the findings in the Human Health Risk Assessment. The committee is composed of the Ministry of the Environment, Sudbury & District Health Unit, Xstrata Nickel, Vale Inco and the City of Greater Sudbury.

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