

**Sudbury Soils Study**  
**Technical Committee Meeting #44**  
**Key Progress & Decision Summary for Meeting of August 11, 2005**

**SARA Group Monthly Report**

**Study Area:** It was noted that additional changes needed to be made to the mapping of the study area to better define the boundaries relative to the region and the City of Greater Sudbury.

**Soil Toxicity Report:** This is completed. SARA is currently evaluating the information and it appears that the information mirrors what was seen in the field.

**Litter Bags:** The SARA Group began collecting the litter bags in June. Collection and analysis will continue over the next few weeks.

**Cadmium:** This has been added as a chemical of concern to the Ecological Risk Assessment. SARA must now go back and re-analyze the Valued Ecosystem Components with this information.

**TERA Group Update:** Input to assist TERA in their development of the charge questions have been forwarded to the TERA Group. It was also requested that TERA submit their final charge questions to the panel to the TC for final review to ensure they encompass our requirements. The questions from the different organizations were generated to provide input to TERA and the final questions as such do not require a decision by TC. The formulation of the actual charge questions is the responsibility of TERA. It was also felt that the questions developed by TERA should then become public.

TERA has indicated that they will not be forwarding the study to the International Expert Review Panel until the fall once all three volumes have been submitted to them. If everything remains on schedule then the panel meeting in Sudbury will be held at the end of March. Should there be any delay with this schedule, TERA should be notified immediately.

**Glossary:**

TC – Technical Committee

PAC – Public Advisory Committee

WG – Technical Committee Working Group

CSC – Technical Committee Communications Sub-Committee