

**Sudbury Soils Study
Technical Committee Minutes – Meeting #56
Key Progress & Decision Summary for Meeting of August 16, 2007**

SARA Group Monthly Report

Communications Activities Update: Dr. Wren noted that the CBC has been quite diligent about following the process of the Sudbury Soils Study. He also indicated that SARA is now in the process of preparing the Fall 2007 *Update* newsletter.

In addition to the above, SARA is working on completing the Plain Language Summary on the Human Health Risk Assessment. It is expected that a draft will go to committee for review in early September. Following that it will go to the Public Advisory Committee with an expected two week turnaround in preparation for public distribution.

Volume I – Background: This portion of the study report can now be finalized. The final format of the finished report needs to be determined (binders, bound, etc.) before SARA can move ahead.

Volume III – Ecological Risk Assessment: As a follow up to the Independent Expert Review Panel sessions, SARA has received their final report which was very favourable. In fact they noted that this was the largest terrestrial report developed in Canada. It is expected this penultimate draft will be submitted to the Technical Committee in early October for review with an anticipated 10 week review period for technical accuracy, spelling, etc., and to allow time to prepare communications for public release.

Volume II – Human Health Risk Assessment: SARA and members of the Technical Committee have met several times over the past few months to discuss technical issues. SARA is in the process of preparing the penultimate draft of this report. This draft will then be submitted to the Technical Committee in mid-September with a 10 week review period to check for accuracy, consistency and to prepare key messaging for public release. It is expected this penultimate draft will then go to the public for a 60 day comment period. Public comments would be attached as an addendum to the set of documents that comprise the final report.

CSC Update: Sandy Siren, Chair of Communications Sub-Committee, proposed a schedule for the Community Information Sessions.

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