

Sudbury Soils Study
Technical Committee Meeting #45
Key Progress & Decision Summary for Meeting of September 8, 2005

SARA Group Monthly Report

Volume 1 – Background: Upon review by the TC it was reported that most comments received were editorial in nature.

Volume 2 – HHRA: Consensus was that a meeting with members of the TC was required to discuss issues as to how SARA will be addressing areas of food basket, bioaccessibility – soil and dust, air/inhalation, speciation of soils, water quality and dermal absorption factors in the report.

Volume 3 0 – ERA: SARA reported that there will be a four week delay with the completion of this section of the report due to the addition of cadmium as a chemical of concern which will subsequently shift the timeline for completion.

Communications Sub-Committee Monthly Report: It was reported that the CSC will be developing a communication strategy regarding the dissemination of the SSS report. It was also noted that SARA and the CSC continue to keep the public advised of process and progress to date. The CSC agreed that the final report should not be released until after the Independent Expert Review Panel has completed their review and SARA has had the opportunity to incorporate revisions as appropriate and the TC and PAC have had their final review. It was their recommendation that the public have a period of review of the report and we should also provide them with a mechanism to provide clarification, respond to questions, etc. Once this process has been completed, there will need to be a timeline for final edits reflecting public response before the SSS report can be considered final. It was noted that all public comments would need to be documented and responses noted as to how they were addressed by the TC. These comments and responses would need to be incorporated as a section into the final report. The TC recognized that this process needed to be accommodated.

This discussion concluded with the note that a formal communication strategy will be tabled by the CSC for TC review and approval.

Next Meeting: The meeting scheduled for October 13, 2005 has been cancelled. A special meeting on HHRA issues is being planned for Oct. 20th in Toronto. The next regular meeting is scheduled for Thursday, November 10, 2005 – Boardroom C/ D in the Provincial Tower - Hosted by Falconbridge.

Glossary:

SSS – Sudbury Soils Study
TC – Technical Committee
PAC – Public Advisory Committee
WG – Technical Committee Working Group
CSC – Communications Sub-Committee