

Sudbury Soils Study
Technical Committee Minutes – Meeting #52
Key Progress & Decision Summary for Meeting of October 12, 2006

Call to Order: Dr. Brendan Birmingham introduced himself as the new representative for the Ministry of the Environment due to the recent resignation of Mary Ellen Starodub.

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Communications Update: Dr. Wren reported that the **Update** newsletter was distributed in early September. There were several press releases issued around the IERP visit as well.

Volume III – ERA Deliverables and Schedule: Draft 1 was distributed to the Technical Committee on October 5, 2006 and responses from TC are expected by October 13th. The re-written sections of the ERA are expected to be distributed to the TC around November 24th and the Draft 2 of the ERA is scheduled to be submitted to TERA by December 15th.

Volume II – HHRA: Following the TERA/IERP visit on September 20 and 21 the TERA has since released their preliminary comments for SARA and TC information. Overall the IERP was impressed with the thoroughness of the Study and that the overall approach used for the HHRA was consistent with common practice. The SARA Group will now assess these preliminary comments and discuss with the TC the appropriate actions to be taken. The second Draft of the IERP report is scheduled to be received by the TC on November 6th with the Final IERP report by December 18.

The current schedule calls for Volume II (HHRA) to be finalized by Feb. 5, 2007.

It was noted that the IERP report will form an appendix to the final HHRA draft that will be available for public review in 2007.

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