

Source Protection Committee

SOURCE PROTECTION COMMITTEE MEETING 44

September 16, 2011 at Asphodel-Norwood Community Centre, Norwood.

Correspondence

The following correspondence was provided to the Committee:

- SPC Chair's Quarterly Report to TCC Source Protection Authorities – Sept 1/11
- Ian Smith, Director, SPPB, MOE to Chairs and Project Managers re: Directions for Source Protection Plans: Compliance with subsections 34(1) to (4) of Regulation 287/07 – Aug 23/11
- Nicole Barbato, Liaison, Conservation Ontario to Industry Contacts re: Participation in Policy Development Process – Aug 22/11

Pre-consultation Update

The Committee was advised that municipalities received their pre-consultation materials by e-mail on September 2, 2011 (hard copy also sent by mail). The package included:

- Notice of Pre-Consultation for *Draft Policies*
- Fact Sheet – Source Protection Toolbox
- Policy Applicability Table
- *Draft Policy Text*
- Intent and Rationale for *Draft Policies*
- Maps Showing Where *Draft Policies* Apply

Meetings and workshops are ongoing with all municipalities. Meetings will also be scheduled with municipalities sharing boundaries with other Source Protection Regions/Areas, as well as with provincial ministries and relevant implementing bodies later in the fall. While the deadline for municipal comments on the *draft* policies is October 31, 2011, the deadline will be later for those municipalities encompassing more than one Source Protection Region as the *draft* policies from adjacent regions will not be released until October or November.

A policy comparison table was provided listing all of the approaches being used to address the prescribed drinking water threats. The table outlines the differences and similarities in approaches being used by the adjacent SPR/SPAs. The Committee agreed that the format of the table was helpful and directed staff to include the draft policies prepared by all SPR/SPA in the Province.

Format for Source Protection Plan

General discussion took place on the anticipated content and outline for the Source Protection Plans so that staff could start to prepare the introductory chapters. In addition, the number of Source Protection Plans to be generated by the Committee was discussed. Two options were proposed:

- Option 1: Create a separate Plan for each SPA (*i.e.*, 5 plans total)

- Option 2: Create two Plans, one for the Source Protection Areas within the Trent River watershed and one for the Ganaraska Region Source Protection Area. This approach would be consistent with how the Committee prepared the Assessment Reports.

It was noted that although Option 1 would have repetition, it would likely be easier for municipal staff to reference. The Committee felt that the second option would be more appropriate given that the *Clean Water Act*, 2006, uses a watershed based approach to protecting drinking water.

Optional Content of Source Protection Plan

There was discussion regarding a number of outstanding items that could be included in the Source Protection Plan.

Given the lack of a comprehensive accounting of low and moderate threats, it was agreed to monitor only significant threats and to revisit the topic of monitoring moderate and low threats during future updates to the Source Protection Plans.

Optional content of the Source Protection Plan was reviewed including policies for conditions, moderate and low threats, transportation corridors, transport pathways, climate change data collection, and education and outreach programs for drinking water systems not identified in the Terms of Reference.

The Committee approved the following recommendations for the Source Protection Plans:

- Not include moderate and low threats policies in this round of source protection planning due to time constraints and the lack of good data on moderate and low threats
- Not include incentive and education programs for drinking water systems not identified in the Terms of Reference, with the exception of First Nations communities, due to time constraints and the known inaccuracy of databases documenting private systems and non-residential systems in the TCC SPR. *Draft* policies will be prepared encouraging the extension of existing education and outreach programs, or those established through significant drinking water threat policies into First Nations communities.
- Develop *draft* policies to address spill response along transport corridors including updating existing emergency plans and providing mapping of vulnerable areas to the Spills Action Centre.
- Develop *draft* policies to address transport pathways located in the “most vulnerable” parts of the vulnerable areas (*i.e.*, IPZ-1 and WHPA-A)
- Develop *draft* policies to address climate change data collection as it relates to the protection of municipal drinking water systems.

Ontario Drinking Water Stewardship Program (ODWSP)

An anticipated 13 projects will be reviewed following the SPC meeting by the ODWSP Review Committee with potential ODWSP contribution funding of \$33,246.16.

Next Meeting

The October 2011 SPC meeting will be cancelled since staff and municipal representatives will be engaged in discussions pertaining to the *draft* policies and planning for the Municipal Forum. Municipal Working Groups will meet in October and November to discuss implementation costs and strategies for estimating these figures.

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 9, 2011 at the Asphodel-Norwood Community Centre, Norwood.

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