



**Source Protection Committee
Thursday, July 12th, 2012
Teleconference**

MEMBERS PRESENT

SPC Chair Larry Brown; SPC Members: David Blaney, Marilyn Miltenberg, Mike McElhone, Ian Brebner, Keith Black, John Vander Burgt, Al Hamilton, Matt Pearson, Gib Dow, Rowena Wallace, Gerry Rupke

LIAISONS PRESENT

MOE Liaison, Lisa Ross, Health Liaison Bob Worsell

WITH REGRETS

SPC Members; Karen Galbraith, Mert Schneider, Bill Rowat, Don Jones; Source Protection Authority Liaison, Jim Ginn

DWSP STAFF PRESENT

Jenna Allain, Program Supervisor

CALL TO ORDER

Larry Brown, Source Protection Committee Chair, welcomed the Committee and called the teleconference to order at 7:05 p.m. While there was no set agenda, Larry informed the Committee that the purpose of the teleconference was to approve the Proposed Source Protection Plans for an additional 30-day public comment period.

PROPOSED SOURCE PROTECTION PLANS and EXPLANATORY DOCUMENT

Jenna Allain, Program Supervisor, reviewed the changes made to the Proposed Plans and Explanatory Document. Changes discussed are summarized below:

- Part I of the Plans (the introduction) was completely reworked to provide more of a context for the basis of the policies in a user-friendly way. These changes were made in response to public consultation comments requesting that more local and threat information be provided.
- Changes were made to several policy titles to more specifically identify what threat activities the policies addressed (e.g. fuel storage changed to fuel handling and storage).
- Most policies were repeated in each land use section of the plan. Rationale for why policies were repeated was added to the explanatory document.
- It was clarified within the text of each policy whether the policy was addressing significant, moderate or low threats.
- The circumstances listed in most policies were identified as examples only. The SPC agreed during the teleconference that the following statement should be added to each of these policies “(for full circumstance details refer to the MOE Tables of Circumstances)”.

It was also agreed that a link to where the Tables of Circumstances can be found would be added to both Part I of the Plans and the Explanatory Document.

- Policies R.1.8, A.1.8 and C.1.8 were amended slightly to provide the MOE Director with more flexibility to determine whether a tertiary treatment system should be required for new or replacement septic systems that are regulated under the *Ontario Water Resources Act*.
- The SPC discussed the difference between waste disposal site policies that address the injection of liquid industrial waste into a well. If the vulnerability score is 10, this activity is a significant threat where the combined rate of discharge is 380 cubic metres per year. However, the combined rate of discharge must be 38,000,000 cubic metres per year in order for it to be a significant threat where the vulnerability score is 8. These policies currently read: “where the score is 8 or greater”. The SPC agreed to change the policies so that they simply state “where the score is 8” so that the distinction between the policies is clearer.
- The policies addressing the application of ASM, NASM, commercial fertilizer and pesticides changed considerably. The SPC had originally chosen to prohibit these activities in the future. However, based on comments submitted by OMAFRA and Huron and Perth County Federations of Agriculture, the Committee chose to always risk manage these activities. The only exception is that ASM and NASM application will always be prohibited in WHPA-A (the 100 metre zone), but risk managed in WHPA-B where the score is 10.
- Based on recommendations from the MOE, a risk management plan policy was added to address existing snow storage.
- The Committee had a lengthy discussion about the amendments to Policy O.11.5 which suggests that MOE should continue to provide stewardship funds. Based on recommendations from the MOE, the policy was amended to make it a general incentive policy with more flexible language. The SPC ultimately did not like the amended wording, and chose to leave the policy as it was originally written.
- The monitoring, effective date, and transition policies were moved into Part II of the Plan, and everything else in Part III of the Plan was left there as information rather than as policies.
- Information was added to the Explanatory Document to provide the rationale for the above noted changes.

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Moved by Gerry Rupke
Seconded by Ian Brebner

That the SPC approve the proposed SPPs for the AB and Maitland SPRs as presented, including changes as discussed, for the next 30 day consultation period.

Carried by Consensus.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Brown adjourned the meeting at 7:58 p.m.

Larry Brown
Chair

Jenna Allain
Recording Secretary