

CTC SOURCE PROTECTION REGION



CTC SOURCE PROTECTION COMMITTEE

CTC Source Protection Committee Meeting #06/09 September 14, 2009, Black Creek Pioneer Village

Terms of Reference Approval

On August 17, 2009 the SPC received a report providing notice that the Ministry of the Environment posted approval of all three CTC Source Protection Areas Terms of Reference on the <u>Environmental Bill of Rights Registry (EBR)</u>. The posting of this approval begins a 12 month development period which sets the deadline for submission of the CTC Assessment Reports for August 17, 2010. Within this 12 month period there are two regulatory public consultation periods.

SPC Acceptance of CTC Technical Studies

At SPC meeting #9/08 the committee approved a process of acceptance for technical reports which will contribute to the development of the CTC Assessment Reports (view acceptance process here). Staff has recognized that tight timelines imposed by the August 17, 2010 due date require a more direct process of acceptance be adopted for these reports. To streamline the acceptance process the CTC SPC has directed staff to bring technical reports to an Ad Hoc Working Group, composed of SPC members, prior to bringing them to the full committee for acceptance. This proposed approach will allow technical staff the opportunity to address the concerns of the Ad Hoc Working Group, thereby increasing the likelihood of acceptance by the full SPC.

Comments on the Source Protection Planning Discussion Paper

On June 25, 2009 the Ministry of the Environment posted "Source Protection Plans under the Clean Water Act, 2006: A Discussion Paper on Requirements for the Content and Preparation of Source Protection Plans" to the EBR (posting #00-6726). With this posting the MOE requested comments from source protection committees, municipalities, stakeholders and members of the general public until September 23, 2009.

A meeting of CTC SPC members and staff was held on September 2, 2009 specifically to review the contents of this discussion paper and to develop comments for submission to the MOE prior to the deadline. At SPC Meeting #6/09 the CTC SPC approved a list of comments and directed Chair Self to submit them to the MOE on behalf of the committee. The approved list of comments to be submitted can be found online here.

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Comments on Proposed Amendments to the Technical Rules

On Monday, August 24, 2009 the Ministry of the Environment posted proposed changes to the Technical Rules that were developed under section 107 of the *Clean Water Act, 2006* to the EBR for comment until September 23, 2009. CTC technical staff will meet to discuss the proposed changes and provide comment on the technical changes. In addition to these technical comments the CTC SPC intends to submit comments regarding the political implications of these changes. However the CTC SPC does not feel that the 30 day comment period is sufficient for thorough comments to be developed and has directed Chair Self to send a letter to the MOE prior to the September 23, 2009 deadline indicating that the CTC SPC will submit comments on these proposed changes as soon as they are appropriately able.

Assessment Report Public Consultations

The CTC SPC received a report proposing a two staged consultation process which will inform local landowners, business owners and tenants in the SWP vulnerable areas (WHPAs, HVAs or SGRAs) of potential impacts of SWP as soon as possible. The first stage of this consultation will not fall under the regulatory requirements but will see SPC members and staff working with local municipalities to contact the local public to discuss how their activities may be affecting source water. In the second stage of consultation, anticipated for spring 2010, the regulatory requirements regarding public consultation will be met and further consultation of affected landowners, business owners and tenants will continue.

TRSPA Tier 1/ Tier 2 Water Budget Status

On Thursday, September 16, 2009 the CTC Ad Hoc Working Group will meet to review the findings of the TRSPA Tier 1/ Tier 2 Water Budget. The working group will discuss the findings of the report and the peer review comments before bringing forward recommendations to the full SPC on October 20, 2009. At this meeting the working group will also consider Significant Groundwater Recharge Area mapping for all three CTC Source Protection Areas.

ODWSP Program Update

The CTC SPC received an Ontario Drinking Water Stewardship Program update from Joanne Jeffery, TRCA, which provided an overview of the 08/09 program within the CTC SPR. The program has seen 14 completed projects within the region with an additional 32 projects approved but awaiting completion. In total \$253,000 in Early Actions funds is anticipated to be dispersed in the CTC region by March 31, 2010. Stewardship staff has submitted an application for additional funds in 09/10 and will update the SPC further at SPC Meeting #7/09.

Lake Ontario Collaborative

Mark Schiller, Director of Water Division Peel Region, provided a verbal update on the work of the Lake Ontario Collaborative (LOC). On September 23, 2009 the Project Managers and Chairs of the LOC source protection regions will meet in Kingston to review the progress of the technical work. At this meeting a draft response letter from Chair Self regarding agenda item 4.1 will be presented for discussion.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, October 20, 2009

Earth Rangers Theatre, Kortright Centre,

9520 Pine Valley Dr., Woodbridge