

*Advisory Council on Drinking Water Quality and Testing Standards
Minutes from January 21, 2005 Meeting*

Members Present:	Robert Andrews	Michele Giddings
	Harold Richardson	Alex Hukowich
John Rudnickas	Ken Roberts	Jim Merritt
Robert Walton	Rod Holme	Mark Servos
Marilyn Lee	Pat Lachmaniuk, MOE	Fred Ruf, MOHLTC

Council Staff Present:	Scott Barrett	
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Regrets:	Peter Huck	Ron Brecher
	Lesbia Smith	

Guests:	Nicola Crawhall, MOE	Paul Froese, MOE
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1. Call to Order:

Chair welcomed members and opened the meeting at 9:35 a.m.

Adoption of January 21, 2005 Agenda

January 21, 2005 agenda was adopted by consensus.

Adoption of December 10, 2004 Meeting Minutes

December 10, 2004 Meeting Minutes and Notes were adopted by consensus.

Review of Outstanding Action Items

Outstanding Action items were reviewed. Outstanding items will be carried forward on a running list (below), from meeting to meeting, until completion:

- **Chair to review and revise Conflict of Interest document with Legal Services Branch to reflect that Council members represent various fields of involvement and expertise in the water industry**

2. Reg 170 Review:

Nicola Crawhall from the Minister's Office was present for this discussion.

The Chair briefed the Council on the December 20, 2004 meeting with the Minister and her staff and an embargoed draft report was supplied to the Minister's Office and key Ministry staff.

The Chair also briefed the Council on the January 19, 2005 meeting with key Ministry staff. Ministry comments on the report were previously presented to the Council and the Council's responses were shared at this time.

Some new comments were gleaned from the January 19, 2005 meeting and these were offered as discussion items with the Council as a whole, in order to gain consensus on the approach chosen in the report.

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Key points discussed were:

- Designated Facilities and whether they should fall under Reg. 170 or the new approach
- Whether or not Non-Municipal Year-Round Residential systems would require a C of A or an Engineer's certification, under their proposed new category of system
- Compliance logistics with MOHLTC and the MOE, with regards to Public Health Inspectors
- Training requirements of "*Public Water Health Inspectors*"
- Protocol development responsibility
- Report back on progress mechanism
- Enumeration of water systems
- Transitional approach
- Timelines

Decision / Action:

- **Council Chair and Executive Assistant to revise and finalize the report, based on discussions at the meeting**
- **Council Chair to finalize transmittal memo to the Minister**
- **Ministry Liaison to supply to the Council Chair and Executive Assistant the total cost of producing the report**

3. Reg. 903

Reg. 903 and chlorination was briefly discussed. It was noted that CELA was unable to attend the meeting to present their views.

Decision / Action:

- **The Council agreed by consensus that it would proceed with its advice to the Minister using the information that has been offered and presented already**
- **Executive Assistant to ensure Council members receive all of the Reg. 903 information that has been supplied, so that next steps can be decided at the February 18, 2005 meeting**

4. Justice O'Connor Priorities:

The Microbiological Working Group provided an updated document to the Council on the progress of determining preferred indicators: *E. Coli* vs. Fecal Coliforms; Background Colony Counts on the Total Coliform Membrane Filter; Colony Counts on a Heterotrophic Plate Count; and Total Coliforms.

The Council reviewed the wording and it was agreed to proceed with the advice to the Minister.

Paul Froese from the Ministry's Water Policy Branch was present for the discussion.

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Michele Giddings presented on the background of the technical support documentation for the proposed THM and bromodichloromethane limits, and Pat Lachmaniuk reported on the approach used in the United States.

The Council debated the cost difference for implementing the 80 ug/L versus the 100 ug/L limits.

The Council Chair noted that a formal structure and process will need to be developed for routine standards review, in order for the Council to have some input into Ontario's position, as well as the application and numerical value to be used in Ontario for new or revised Ontario Drinking Water Quality Standards.

Decision / Action:

- **Council Executive Assistant to develop an advice letter to the Minister on Microbiological Indicators using the finalized information supplied by the microbiological working group**
- **Council Executive Assistant to circulate the draft letter to the microbiological working group first, and then the Council as a whole.**
- **Pat Lachmaniuk to provide a cost analysis for Ontario, of implementing 80 ug/L versus the 100 ug/L, for the February 18, 2005 meeting**
- **Council Executive Assistant and Chair to develop a structure and process for standards review, for the February 18, 2005 meeting**
- **Pat Lachmaniuk to provide an update of upcoming and current CDWG development for the next meeting**

4. Administrative Items:

It was decided by consensus that the Notes *and* Minutes are no longer necessary, and can be replaced by just the Minutes.

Source Water Protection was discussed and it was deemed valuable to have a presentation for the Council, to better understand linkages and legacy issues.

General requests for speaking engagements were discussed and it was agreed that if Council members were going to speak on behalf of the Council, they should be using a standardized and approved presentation.

It was agreed that the Council's approved and adopted minutes could be posted on the Council's website. Having a link from the Ministry's website to the Council's website was also discussed.

The Chair updated the Council on the Walkerton Clean Water Centre's meeting on December 13, 2004. A formal process for interaction was not suggested at this time, but there may be a need to share directions and agendas on an as-needed basis.

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- **Pat Lachmaniuk to arrange for a Source Water Protection presentation for the February 18, 2005 meeting, focusing on cross-over activities and responsibilities with the Council.**
- **Executive Assistant to develop a slide presentation on the Council's general mandate and activities, for general use by Council members, at speaking engagements**
- **Executive Assistant to post all adopted meeting minutes on the Council's website**
- **Executive Assistant to pursue getting a link from the Ministry of the Environment's website to the Council's website**

5. Next Meeting(s):

February 18, 2005

March 21, 2005

April 15, 2005

May 20, 2005

6. Adjourn.

Meeting was adjourned by the Chair at 3:20 p.m.