

*Advisory Council on Drinking Water Quality and Testing Standards  
Minutes from April 21, 2006 Meeting*

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| <b>Members Present:</b> | Robert Andrews<br>Rod Holme<br>Alex Hukowich<br>Jim Merritt<br>Ken Roberts<br>Lesbia Smith | Michele Giddings<br>Peter Huck<br>Marilyn Lee<br>Harry Richardson<br>John Rudnickas<br>Robert Walton |
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| <b>Ministry Liaison Staff Present:</b> | Satish Deshpande, MOE |
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| <b>Council Staff Present:</b> | Scott Barrett |
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| <b>Regrets:</b> | Iris Biggar<br>Pat Lachmaniuk, MOE | Ron Brecher<br>Fred Ruf, MOHLTC |
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**1. Call to Order:**

The Chair opened the meeting at 9:30 a.m.

**Adoption of April 21, 2006 Agenda**

April 21, 2006 agenda was adopted by consensus

**Adoption of March 17, 2006 Meeting Minutes**

March 17, 2006 meeting minutes were adopted by consensus. It was noted that several items were to be tabled for future Council meetings:

- The *Water Well Sustainability in Ontario* Report: June 16, 2006
- Reg. 169 Pesticides: June 16, 2006
- Disinfection Procedures in Other Jurisdictions: July 21, 2006
- Dual Water Systems: July 21, 2006

**2. Reg. 170 Review:**

The date for the Reg. 170 amendment posting is still unknown.

**Action:**

- *Council to remain engaged in the Reg. 170 amendment process, in order to provide on-going advice*

**3. Small Drinking Water Systems Program**

The MOHLTC liaison member provided the Council with a written update on the progress of the program.

**Actions:**

- *Council to remain engaged in the Small Drinking Water Systems Program, in order to provide on-going advice*

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- *Council to monitor the development of the Risk Assessment Tool for the Small Drinking Water Systems Program, in order to provide on-going advice*

The **Total Coliform Corrective Action draft advice letter** was next discussed.

**Action:**

- *Executive Assistant and Chair to make suggested revisions to the “Total Coliform Corrective Action advice letter” and circulate to Council members prior to transmitting final draft version to Minister’s Office staff*

The USEPA’s proposal on Small Water Systems Variances was also discussed, and it was determined that the Council need not table the proposal for a future meeting.

#### **4. Drinking Water Source Protection**

The **Clean Water Act final advice letter** was transmitted to the Minister on March 31, 2006.

Several Council members were independently invited to Source Water Protection Roundtable Consultations on key modules of the MOE’s source water protection guidance manual, in order to provide feedback prior to EBR posting. The Council heard brief reports from the attending members of these sessions.

**Action:**

- *Council to remain engaged in the development of the Clean Water Act, its regulations, and its guidance documentation, in order to provide on-going advice*

#### **5. Justice O’Connor Priorities**

The Council’s **Definition and use of Terminology for Chlorination, and Chlorine Residual final advice letter** was transmitted to the Minister on April 10, 2006.

#### **6. Standards Review**

In March, 2006, Health Canada released an updated summary table of the Guidelines for Canadian Drinking Water Quality, which can be found at:

[http://www.hc-sc.gc.ca/ewh-semt/pubs/water-eau/doc\\_sup-appui/sum\\_guide-res\\_recom/index\\_e.html](http://www.hc-sc.gc.ca/ewh-semt/pubs/water-eau/doc_sup-appui/sum_guide-res_recom/index_e.html)

**THMs:**

It was noted that the MOE posted, for a 30 day public consultation period, a Notice of Proposal on the Environmental Registry on April 7, 2006 for a more stringent ODWQS for total trihalomethanes.

**Arsenic, MTBE, Chlorite / Chlorate:**

The Council’s advice letters to the Minister on Arsenic, MTBE, and Chlorite / Chlorate were discussed and it was agreed that they would be transmitted upon confirmation that both CDW and CHE have approved the Guidelines, *with no significant changes*.

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**Action:**

- *Executive Assistant and Chair to transmit final advice letters on Arsenic, MTBE, and Chlorite / Chlorate to the Minister upon confirmation that both CDW and CHE have approved the Guidelines, with no significant changes*

**Radiological Characteristics:**

It was noted that the Draft Document for Public Comment has been approved for public consultation. A working group comprised of Council members completed its initial review of the document and the Council, as a whole, will re-visit it for a more detailed review after comments from the public consultation are known. It was also noted that the MOE possesses a comparison table of the old versus the new Radiological Characteristics Guidelines.

**Actions:**

- *Council to re-review the Radiological Characteristics Draft Document for Public Comment, once comments from the public consultation are known*
- *MOE liaison staff member to provide comparison table of old versus new Radiological Characteristics Guidelines to the Council's Executive Assistant, to assist the Council in its review*

**HAAs:**

It was noted that the Draft Document for Public Comment has been approved for public consultation.

A working group, comprised of Council members, completed its initial review of the document. A number of concerns were identified, and as a result, the Council, through the working group, will continue to develop and refine its advice.

**Action:**

- *Executive Assistant to develop draft letter to Minister with Council's advice on HAAs for further development by the working group, for the Council's consideration*

The Draft Documents for Public Comment for **MCPA, Potassium, Choral Hydrate**, and **Corrosion Control**, were introduced to the Council. It was determined that the Council does not have any concerns with either the **Potassium** or **Choral Hydrate** documents in their current forms.

The Council also learned that the **Corrosion Control** Document for Public Comment will undergo a revision, prior to public consultation.

**Actions:**

- *Council members to review the Draft Consultation Document for MCPA and report back to the Executive Assistant with any concerns or comments prior to the next meeting on May 12, 2006*

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- *MOE liaison staff member to provide revised Corrosion Control Draft Document for Public Comment, when available, for future consideration by the Council*

The Council learned that the next two Documents for Public Comment that will become available are Benzene and Chlorine.

## **7. Other Drinking Water Issues**

The **Treatment of Surface Water Used for Private Drinking Water Supplies final advice letter** was transmitted to the Minister on April 10, 2006.

The **Drinking Water Quality Management Standard final advice letter** was transmitted to the Minister on March 31, 2006.

*Action:*

- *Council to remain engaged in the development of the MOE's Drinking Water Quality Management Standard, in order to provide on-going advice*

Several Council members attended the 12<sup>th</sup> Canadian National Conference and 3<sup>rd</sup> Policy Forum on Drinking Water, held in Saint John, NB, on April 1-4, 2006, and briefed the Council on their impression and comments. It was learned that a multi-jurisdictional comparison chart of drinking water management in Canada may have been developed.

*Action:*

- *MOE liaison staff member to provide Executive Assistant with multi-jurisdictional comparison chart of drinking water management in Canada, if available*

There was nothing new to report on from the WCWC's Research Advisory Committee (RAC) meetings.

The WCWC **RAC Research Recommendations Template** that was developed to make consistent and focus the Council's recommendations on RAC research initiatives, was discussed using an example project.

It was decided that the template be used to capture research ideas, on an on-going basis.

*Action:*

- *Executive Assistant and Chair to revise "RAC Research Recommendations Template", based on Council's discussions, for use in the priorities setting exercise, at the June 16, 2006 meeting, and on a on-going basis*

## **8. Administrative Items:**

The Council was briefed on the plans and progress to develop a corporate identity for the Council's various printed and electronic media.

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**Next Meeting(s):**

May 12, 2006 (40 St. Clair, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, Training Room “B”)  
June 16, 2006 (40 St. Clair, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, Training Room “B”)  
July 21, 2006 (40 St. Clair, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, Training Room “B”)  
August, 2006 – No meeting to be held  
September 22, 2006 (Location to be determined)

**9. Adjourn**

Meeting was adjourned by the Chair at 3:15 p.m.