

**MINUTES**  
**ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE**

April 26, 2010  
Niagara Falls, ON

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STAFF:

Henry Walthert  
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COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

Mr. Dave Haley (Chairperson)  
Mr. Nigel Banks  
Mr. Linus Clark  
Mr. Craig Frohlich  
Mr. Rick Knechtel  
Mr. Jim Mogan  
Mr. John Wilkinson  
Mr. Craig Wilson

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair D. Haley called the meeting to order.

## 2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

The Chairman announced two additions to the agenda. Item #8 Quebec Regulations and Item #9 Hazardous Waste.

Motion by C. Wilson to adopt the agenda.

Seconded by D. Anderson.

CARRIED

## 3. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

Motion by R. Knechtel to adopt the minutes of the previous meeting held October 5, 2009.

Seconded by C. Wilson.

CARRIED

## 4. CWPCA UPDATE

I. Macdonald, WESA reported on the results of the 2009 external audits and year end self audits. Nineteen facilities representing 31 plants were audited in 2009 (includes two re-audits). Scores were as follows: 11 plants 95-100%, 10 plants at 90-95% and 10 plants at <95%. The status of these plants after follow-up is: 8 plants at 100%, 18 plants at 95-100% and 5 plants at 90-95%. (copy attached)

Main areas of concern were reviewed by I. Macdonald. Ten areas of concern were discussed including air testing, tanks, showers, ground/surface water monitoring, spill enactment, spill trays, containment, PPE, alarms, medical monitoring and valves.

The area of plant staff training remains an area of concern. In the past, preservative suppliers have conducted seminars, workshops etc. WPC's attempt to provide on-line training was not successful and withdrawn. Members were asked to consider alternatives and approach staff with any ideas.

Seven new auditors received training in 2009. The need for an auditor training program in 2010 was discussed. Special training days could be identified if there is a need or WESA could provide training if on-site for an external audit.

Members were reminded that the CWPCA logo is available for use by certified plants. Many have already applied the logo to stationary, lumber wrap and clothing.

*ACTION: Members were asked to provide suggestions in the area of plant staff training for CWPCA compliance.*

## 5. CWPCA REGULATIONS

The Steering Committee chaired by C. Frohlich met in Toronto in February 2010 to review and discuss the program. Several changes have been suggested for the regulations primarily focused on levels of compliance. A copy of the revised regulations was distributed. Members were asked to review for discussion and approval at the 2010 Annual General Meeting.

Environment Canada has shown a renewed interest in the TRDs as a result of discussions with WPC. H. Walthert met with Environment Canada staff in mid-April. EnCan has indicated a willingness to maintain the TRD. They have indicated a desire to work with WPC to address new preservatives (non-CEPA toxic) through a generic TRD.

Meeting delegates discussed the concept of a “TRD Lite” to address non-CEPA wood preservatives. There was general agreement that this approach would be desirable. The CWPCA Steering Committee was directed by the membership to review the ACQ/CA TRD and to consider the MCQ/MCA for a more generic approach.

*ACTION: CWPCA Steering Committee to consider generic TRD for ACQ/CA, MCQ/MCA and report to membership at FGM.*

## 6. PMRA UPDATE

H. Walthert informed the members that the PMRA met with the preservative registrants and WPC in December 2009 to review comments received about the Proposed Reevaluation Decision Document (PRVD) prior to public posting. PMRA has agreed to include a requirement for TRD compliance on the product labels for CCA, penta and creosote. The PRVD is expected to be posted in May/June 2010.

Members were reminded of the motion at the last AGM requesting that the preservative labels all include a reference to TRD certification. Members agreed that the need to reference TRDs on ACQ/CA and any future preservatives should be reconsidered following review of the TRD by the CWPCA Steering Committee.

*ACTION: Members to reconsider 20009 motion re TRDs following review by CWPCA Steering Committee.*

## 7. SUSTAINABILITY COALITION

Sustainability Coalition is led by Canadian Wood Council (green building) and Forest Products Association of Canada (forest renewal). A letter sent to all federal parties from FPAC supporting a private members bill to promote the use of wood in federal building products was circulated.

Some of the tools developed by the coalition could be used in the WPC toolbox.

## 8. QUEBEC REGULATIONS

M.Srogosz-Bolduc introduced the document « Lignes directrices relatives à la gestion du bois traités » to the members. This document, written by the Ministère du Développement Durable, Environnement et Parc (Ministry of Durable Development, Environment and Parks) are being enforced by the provincial government as guidelines to be respected by treated wood manufacturers in Quebec. The document adds, or compliments, to the regulations already in place with the federal TRD's.

The focus of the document is on ground contamination and water quality, and is enforced by regional inspectors of the Ministry.

The document:

<http://www.mddep.gouv.qc.ca/matieres/valorisation/lignesdirectrices/bois-traite.pdf>

*Action: WPC to establish contact with provincial ministry and/or authors of the document.*

## 9. FEDERAL HAZARDOUS WASTE REGULATIONS

H. Estreicher addressed the recent announcement by Environment Canada regarding a public consultation “Updating the Regulatory Framework for the Transboundary Movement of Waste and Hazardous Recyclable Materials”. This is a revival of the previous work where WPC submitted “Notices of Objection” to proposed tranborder and interprovincial regulations.

*ACTION: Prepare submission in consultation with other stakeholders.*

## 10. COMMENTS FROM MEMBERS

N/A

## 11. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by A. Hobbs to adjourn the meeting.

Seconded by P. Hattin.

**CARRIED**