



Wood Preservation Canada Préservation du bois Canada

ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE

October 22nd, 2012
Vancouver, BC

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Staff:

Henry Walthert
Martin Tauvette

Committee Members:

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

1. Call to Order

K. Archer agreed to chair the meeting in the absence of Chairman D. Haley. The called the meeting to order.

2. Adoption of the Agenda

Motion by R. Knechtel to adopt the agenda.
Seconded by L. Clark

CARRIED

3. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

Motion by D. Anderson to adopt the minutes of the previous meeting held May 7th, 2012.
Seconded by C. Wilson

CARRIED

4. CWPCA Update

H. Walther reported on the 2012 activities of the CWPCA program. Currently, 14 external audits have been completed to date with 4 left to do and one re-audit. Here are some of the key activities of the program that occurred this year:

- Mixture of results, first 100% score during external audit, but others have surprisingly low scores
- Plants do not respond well to change
 - AG use-understand the business decision but quick implementation meant TRD was not followed
 - Design changes done without reviewing the TRD requirements
- 27 attended live auditor training session
- Live training in French in November with webinars likely in the new year
- The program's regulations updated and approved at spring meeting
- WESA will send out reminder at the end of October with confirmation required by middle of November to meet Dec 31 deadline. (if not received by Dec 31, a plant could be subject to an external audit). WESA will send confirmation of receipt of internal audit

WESA is anticipating the introduction of ACZA and particulate copper in use in the near future. The TRD's are being updated by Environment Canada and

should be released in the spring. Only one facility in Canada is not certified under the CWPCA program but could be included in the spring. H. Walthert also informed members that 2013 will be the end of the second 3 year cycle and the Steering Committee will be issuing a Request for Proposal” for the next cycle.

5. PMRA Update

T.Caunter, from PMRA, Health Canada provided members with an update on the new activities of PMRA.

1. New Value Approach:
 - PMRA is more flexible for value in respect to efficacy requirements with wood preservatives.
 - Have accepted more US data.
 - Important to take into consideration wood species differences.
2. New tools available on the PMRA web site for pre-submission consultations
3. Proposed Re-evaluation Decision for PRVD2012-03, Boric Acid and its salts (Boron)
http://www.hc-sc.gc.ca/cps-spc/pest/part/consultations/_prvd2012-03/prvd2012-03-eng.php
 - PMRA encouraged the wood preservation industry to make comments.
4. New PMRA targeted approach to the re-evaluation of older chemicals

T.Caunter also talked about the facilitation/risk reduction activities of PMRA:

1. While PMRA’s prime mandate under the Pest Control Products Act is health and environmental protection, there is recognition of the importance of sustainable pest management and the ongoing need for new, lower risk pesticides.
2. PMRA and WPC Liaison Group
 - PMRA will be discontinuing our broad function of facilitating access to products based on user identified needs unless they are included in a strategy or another priority.
 - PMRA will continue to answer any questions related to the preparation of submissions, data requirements etc. through normal channels.
3. For the foreseeable future, PMRA will continue to have representation on CSA Technical Committee for Wood Preservatives.

T.Caunter also informed the members that PMRA is working on a Risk Management Plan and that Andrew Beyak is still the contact for the re-evaluation of Heavy Duty Wood Preservatives Update.

6. **Treated Wood Research Cooperative**

Dr. J. Morrell from Oregon State University reported on the Environmental Performance of Treated Wood Cooperative. Dr. Morrell presented the coop objectives and activities to the members. The coop objectives are to:

- Develop data on preservative migration from wood
- Develop standardized accelerated methodologies for assessing treated wood risks
- Develop and improve models to predict risk of using treated wood in various applications
- Improve methods for reducing migration
- Evaluate the environmental impacts and identify methods for reuse, recycling and/or disposal of preservative waste wood taken out of service
- Deliver educational programs to users of treated wood

Dr. Morrell also presented the BMP Verification Study to the members. The goal of the verification is to verify the data in the models of the BMP's. The Coop will continue to collaborate with the University of Alaska and will participate in workshops to present the model background and the screening criteria.

Up next on the agenda for Dr. Morrell and the research cooperative are:

- BMP pilling tests
- Southern pine studies
- Small scale evaluations of BMP's
- Evaluate effects of snow and pre-soaking on migration
- Evaluate coatings in short and long term tests

7. **Comments from Members**

N/A

8. **Adjournment**

Motion by C. Frohlich to adjourn the meeting.
Seconded by P. Dandy

CARRIED