



# Wood Preservation Canada Préservation du bois Canada

## ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE

April 15<sup>th</sup>, 2013  
Kelowna, BC

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### Staff:

Henry Walthert  
Martin Tauvette

### Committee Members:

Mr. Kevin Archer (Chairperson)  
Mr. Nigel Banks  
Mr. Linus Clark  
Mr. Craig Frohlich  
Mr. Rick Knechtel  
Mr. Craig Wilson

1. **Call to Order**

B.Delbrueck agreed to chair the meeting in the absence of Chairman K.Archer and called the meeting to order. A round of self-introductions followed.

2. **Approval of the Agenda**

Motion by G.Sali to adopt the agenda.  
Seconded by C. Wilson.

CARRIED

3. **Adoption of Previous Meeting Minutes**

Motion by C. Frohlich to adopt the minutes of the previous meeting held October 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2012.  
Seconded by P.Dandy

CARRIED

4. **CWPCA Update**

I. Macdonald, BluMetric/WESA reported on the 2012 activities of the CWPCA. Currently, 53 facilities are accredited with a CWPCA Certification. An existing facility is set to join the program this summer, one new facility scheduled to be audited this spring and another new facility later in 2013. This year, BluMetric/WESA conducted:

- Internal audits on **40 facilities** (69 plants)
- External audits on **13 facilities** (20 plants)
- **37 auditors** trained live including 3 repeats
- **35 auditors** retrained through webinar

I.Macdonald reminded the members that all facilities must have a least one trained auditor and that some will require retraining this year to maintain this.

I.Macdonald informed members that the new requirement for eyewash/emergency shower will be implemented in 2013. Environment Canada (EC) began the process of revising the 2004 TRD and that some draft should be available for review in April/May.

## 2013 WPC Environmental Committee Minutes

BluMetric/WESA also provided an update to the “Top Ten” list of items that most often result in “not compliant” during an audit. They include:

1. Lack of documentation for status reports or internal audits.
2. Not enough attention to details in the worksheet guidelines especially when making changes.
3. Tanks are not tested every 5 years by a contractor.
4. Showers are not mandatory and plants are not enforcing their own shower policy
5. Air testing; there is no IH used to establish program and not monitored according to policy/SOP.
6. Alarm are not properly installed and there is no testing and are not documented as required.
7. Groundwater/Surface water monitoring are not analyzed for minimum parameters and the plants are not completing the monitoring in accordance with their own policies.
8. Spill Enactment is not conducted annually and not documented.
9. Valve testing; not testing and/or documenting as required analyzing.
10. The backflow preventers are not tested as required and not installed in the correction position.

I. Macdonald presented was BluMetric/Wesa is looking forward in 2013:

- Introduction of particulate copper to more facilities
- Members to review the draft of the revised TRD
- Start of new cycle following the 2013 audits
- Committee has decided to stick with 3 year audit cycle; continue to look at ways to minimize the audit costs.
- New auditor joining the team.

C.Frohlich chair of the CWPCA Steering Committee also presented to members the WPC CCA in Wood Fixation Sampling and Analysis Procedure. The document is a result of the task force that was created at the last CWPCA meeting in March 2013 and was composed of C.Frohlich, D.Goodine, N.Banks, C.Wilson and J. Mogan. C.Frohlich informed members that those procedures are not just guidelines and will be reference in the worksheets as a must.

*Action:*

1. *I.Macdonald will send a copy of the procedures to members.*

I.Macdonald presented to members why WPC should keep BluMetric/WESA for another audit cycle. Some of the highlights of the presentation and why BluMetric/WESA believes they should be retained for another audit cycle:

- Experience with the program;
- Experience wood treating industry auditors;
- Introducing a new auditor

- Consistency with time and across the country;
- No increase in fees;
- Travel costs minimized;
- They want to do this.

I Macdonald informed the members that the CWPCA Steering Committee decided unanimously to retain the services of BluMetric/WESA for another audit cycle at the same rate and re-evaluate the situation after the next three years audit cycle.

## 5. Treated Wood Research Cooperative

H.Walthert presented the five objectives of the Environmental Performance of Treated Wood Cooperative that is coordinated by Dr. Jeff Morrell and the Department of Wood Science & Engineering at the Oregon State University. The five objectives are:

- Developing fundamental data on the migration of preservatives from treated wood. The majority of the work on the cooperative over the past year has taken place under this objective via the BMP verification study.
- Developing standardized methods for assessing treated wood risks.
- Working to develop and improve the risk models.
- Seeks to improve methods for reducing preservative migration.
- Examines the potential uses for treated wood taken out of service.

## 6. PMRA Update

H.Walthert presented the latest activities of PMRA related to the industry. They include:

- Reevaluation of Creosote, Penta & CCA.
- Commitment to EnCan TRD.
- HDWP Risk Management Plan: the main element of the plan is a formal commitment to establishing a PMRA - Environment Canada Wood Preservatives Working Group.
- Consultation with industry and stakeholders (registrants, WPC, CWPA etc.) and other regulatory bodies, as necessary.

M.Tauvette informed members that WPC submitted comments on the PMRA Proposed Re-evaluation of Boron/Boric Acids (PRVD 2012-03). PMRA position as drafted could have a negative impact on all end-use products containing boron registered in Canada and WPC will continue to work with members to resolves the issues of the proposed draft.

**7. Comments from Members**

None

**8. Adjournment**

Motion by C.Frohlich to adjourn the meeting.  
Seconded by L. Clark.

CARRIED