



Wood Preservation Canada Préservation du bois Canada

ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE MINUTES

October 28th, 2013

Toronto, ON

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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

K. Archer chairman of the committee called the meeting to order.

2. Approval of the Agenda

K. Archer informed members that if Michael Giroux arrived before the end of the current committee meeting, he will be added to the agenda.

Motion by R. Knechtel to adopt the agenda.
Seconded by N. Banks.

CARRIED

3. Adoption of Previous Meeting Minutes

K. Archer informed members that the minutes attached to the meeting book are not the ones for this committee. M. Tauvette presented the minutes on the screen.

Motion by N. Banks to adopt the minutes of the previous meeting held April 15th, 2013.
Seconded by R. Knechtel.

CARRIED

4. CWPCA Update

S. Henry, presented on behalf of Ian MacDonald from BluMetric/WESA an update of the 2013 activities of the CWPCA. Currently 20 external audits have been completed with one left to do and two re-audits. S. Henry mentioned that there is a mixture of results with some plants scoring very high and some have surprisingly low scores. He also mentioned that plants do not respond well to changes e.g. design changes done without reviewing the TRD requirements, mixing up maintenance checks when adding a preservative, change in personnel etc.

2013 Issues presented by S. Henry:

- Tank Testing – 5 years testing; not doing on time, not doing bottoms, not doing all tanks;
- Valve labeling and keeping piping schematics updated;

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- Venting into the workplace;
- Incorrect timing for checking alarms, spill kits and other routine housekeeping items;

2013 Activities presented by S. Henry:

- 20 people attended the live auditor training sessions, one in Calgary and one in Nova Scotia.
- 8 people logged in for the French webinar and the English version will be on Nov 15, 2013;
- Particulate copper introduced and ACZA re-introduced;
- 2 new facilities
- BluMetric/WESA will send out reminder at the end of October with confirmation required by middle of November to meet the December 31, 2013 deadline.
- If internal audit not received by December 31, 2013, then could be subject to an external audit;
- Will send confirmation of receipt of internal audit.

S. Henry mentioned that the only facility not certified in Canada is tentatively scheduled for audit in the spring of 2014. This year, 2013 will be the end of the second three year cycle. Next cycle will be more controlled by geographic location which will likely result in some facilities having an audit conducted earlier than three years. Program cost savings are expected as a result of this configuration.

5. Environment Canada Update

A. Gingras from Environment Canada provided updates on the current EC projects related to treated wood. He informed members and noted the major modifications of the 2013 version:

- 2013 TRD will only be available electronically.
 - Should be published by the end of November or in December 2013
 - Paper copy could be sent if requested
- The details from the *Technical Guidelines Document* were incorporated in the TRD.
- The modifications mostly deal with 2 aspects.
 - Structure of the document
 - Technical recommendations

A. Gingras also clarified that in any conflict between the TRD and the PMRA pesticide label, the label takes precedence as the legal document.

H. Pruden expressed some concerns regarding the TRD guidelines on the exposure of children and pregnant women at the plant.

Action1: M. Tauvette with the help of the CWPCA Steering Committee to discuss wording changes possibilities with A. Gingras in the 2013 TRD regarding H. Pruden concerns.

A. Gingras gave an update on the activities of the Persistent Organic Pollutants Review Committee (POPRC), a subsidiary body to the Stockholm Convention who was established to review persistent organic pollutants. At the ninth meeting of the Committee, the risk profile of pentachlorophenol (PCP) and its salts and esters was reviewed to evaluate these substances against Annex E criteria of the Stockholm Convention. The risk profile for PCP, its salts and esters were identified and a risk management evaluation will be drafted for review at the POPRC 10, in October 2014. On the basis of the risk profile and the risk management evaluation, POPRC10 could recommend that the seventh meeting of the Conferences of the Parties (COP7) list PCP, its salts and esters to Annex A, B and/or C at the Convention. Listing in Annex A or B could result in a specific exemption or acceptable purpose, respectively.

H. Walthert informed members that H. Estreicher from Keller and Heckman LLP and representatives of KMG-Bernuth with the support of Wood Preservation Canada are currently engaged in this issue.

6. PMRA Update

J. Dubois presented the latest activities of PMRA related to the industry. They include:

HDWP re-evaluation

- The amended labels for CCA, PCP, ACZA, and creosote are due by the end of November 2013. Most of the amended labels have already been received.
- The Risk Management Plan for the same Heavy Duty Wood Preservatives was published recently (September 5, 2013) and is available on the PMRA website.

Proposed re-evaluation of Boron/Boric Acids (PRVD 2013-03)

- The re-evaluation is currently underway. Following the publication of the PRVD, a large number of comments were received. The PMRA is now at the stage of analyzing and responding to these comments. The comments will be condensed to remove duplicates and to eliminate wordiness, and these along with PMRA responses will be published as an appendix in the final re-evaluation decision for Boron/Boric Acid.

Value Approach

- For registering new preservatives, the PMRA is shifting focus from Efficacy Data to a more complete definition of value that includes health and environmental benefits and social and economic impacts. The sources of information to satisfy the value component of preservatives submissions have also been expanded to include use history, rationales, and benefits information. Also, a more detailed Value Guidance document for antimicrobial pesticides (including wood preservatives) will be published soon.

7. Canadian Wood Council

M. Giroux President of the Canadian Wood Council gave an update to the members regarding their activities. Some highlights of the presentation include the CWC Strategic Plan. M. Giroux also talked about the CAN/CSA –S406 Standard what is scheduled to be published in 2014. Update of the standard includes three stories building and a change in the structural spans from previously 8m to 12m in the new standard. In this presentation, there was discussion regarding the opportunity of tall wood buildings and wood bridges.

8. Comments from Members

None

9. Adjournment

Motion by L. McTaggart to adjourn the meeting.
Seconded by M. Hoffman.

CARRIED