

MINUTES
ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE
October 27th 2003
Halifax, NS

ATTENDANCE:

T. Seaman	N. Banks	K. Archer
R. Stewart	B. Delbrueck	C. Wilson
J. Mogan	M.-A. Dalkowski	M. Richards
R. Knechtel	C. Frohlich	I. Jones
P. Mason	T. Moryto	P. Gravel
J. Quantz	L. Prendiville	
H. Pruden	P. Hattin	
J. Ruddick	M. Hollick	
P. Morris	F. Bruderemann	
M. Straatsma-Rennie	A. Hobbs	

ABSENCE NOTIFIED:

J. Stein (Chair)

STAFF:

H. Walthert
M. Duench

1. CALL TO ORDER:

Committee Chair Jonna Stein sends her regrets. M. Hollick agreed to chair the meeting and called the meeting to order at 2:05pm.

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Motion by J. Quantz to adopt the agenda as presented. Seconded by P. Morris
CARRIED

3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Motion by L. Prendiville to adopt the minutes of the previous meeting dated March 25th 2003. Seconded by P. Mason
CARRIED

4. MEDIA ISSUES / CITW STRATEGIES

Treated wood is continually present in the media. Most recent negative media attention has been with the Journal de Montreal. CITW has been active in writing the journalist and editors of the paper. As yet, we have not received a response from the Journal and have engaged our public relations consultant R. Palin to target the issue.

In addition, the Sierra Club & D. Barrie were recently interviewed by CBC.

5. ENVIRONMENT CANADA'S STRATEGIC OPTION PROCESS

H. Walthert presented that CITW will be meeting with Curtis Englot of Environment Canada to discuss the further steps of the SOP process this year. After 2005 we foresee CITW involved in a certification process to ensure the compliance of the SOPs. The aim is that the industry can be self-policing and Environment Canada would be less of a big brother. Assessments may begin at the start of 2005 and plants will be audited throughout the year. A discussion will be held with Englot and proposal for certification will be presented at the Spring meeting. Intertek is certified by the Standards Council of Canada and could possibly be the auditors. Certification could be modeled by the AFPA certification standard. In addition, certification will be marketed as a promotional tool for the industry.

F. Brudermann informed the committee that Environment Canada will (soon) produce a summary report of the 2002 implementation plans. In 2003, 9 plants were visited to verify their implementation plans. In addition, TRDs for the new preservatives were developed a year ago and are expected to be published soon.

6. AUDITOR GENERAL REPORT

Briefing on Auditor's report criticizing PMRA.

Report is available on-line from the Office of the Auditor General.

H. Walthert commented that this report would tighten relationships with PMRA, for example they are asking for a re-evaluation of product labels, maximum vs. minimum retentions.

7. LIABILITY ISSUES

Discussion of concerns with insurance/product liability issues at the plant level. If members wish to further discuss this issue within the committee they are asked to contact CITW.

8. HARRISON REPORT

Harrison report presented by H. Walther. Report is now available on the CITW website.

NOTED

9. COMMENTS FROM MEMBERS

Nil.

10. MOTION TO ADJOURN

Motion by C. Wilson to adjourn at 2:50.
Seconded by C. Frohlich.

CARRIED