

# Final Minutes



## *Ambient Monitoring Strategic Planning Team Meeting #32*

Date: Monday, January 28, 2008

Time: 9:30 – 10:00m

Place: Teleconference call (Meeting originally planned for Calgary, but face-to-face meeting cancelled, due to blizzard conditions)

### In attendance:

<b>Name</b>	<b>Stakeholder group</b>
Brian Free	CASA
Ian Peace	Residents for Appropriate Power Industry Development
Roxanne Pettipas	ConocoPhillips
Kim Sanderson	CASA
Chris Severson-Baker (after 10am)	Pembina Institute
David Spink	Prairie Acid Rain Coalition
James Vaughan	ERCB
Brian Wiens	Environment Canada
Mike Zemanek	Alberta Health and Wellness

### With regrets:

<b>Name</b>	<b>Stakeholder group</b>
Michael Bisaga	Lakeland Industry and Community Assoc.
Myles Kitagawa	Toxics Watch Society
Findlay MacDermid	RAPID
David McCoy	Husky
Bettina Mueller	Alberta Environment
Keith Murray	Alberta Forest Products Assoc.
Bob Myrick	Alberta Environment
Ken Omotani	TransAlta
Mike Pawlicki	Lafarge Canada
Merry Turtiak	Alberta Health & Wellness
Kevin Warren	Parkland Airshed

Bob Myrick chaired the meeting, which convened at 9:30 a.m. Quorum was achieved.

### Action Items:

<b>Action items</b>	<b>Who</b>	<b>Due</b>
9.2: Brian Free to load team information to the CASA website and provide the working group with access information.	Brian Free	On-going
29.3: Post a copy of Kirk Andries presentation on CASA website. (Get permission to post on web.)	Brian Free	ASAP
29.5: Revise steps used to calculate costs to include the extra	Bob Myrick	By next

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costs of sampling in remote locations for the passive network.		meeting
31.1: Draft a recommendation for an emissions inventory	David Spink	By next meeting
31.2: Contact Carolyn Kolebaba to ensure an AAMD&C representative can attend the workshop	Brian Free	ASAP
31.3 Revise the wording of the funding principle about diffuse anthropogenic emissions.	Kerra and Brian Free	By next meeting
31.4 Revise the Funding topic sheet based on discussion. Send to the team.	Brian Free	By next meeting
31.5 Send <i>editorial</i> comments on all of the topic sheets to Brian.	All	By next meeting
31.6 Form a sub-group to determine options for a cost apportionment funding formula for a provincial air monitoring network.	Ken Omotani, Bob Myrick, Ian Peace, airshed representative	By next meeting
31.7 Send the numbers and locations of monitors to the funding formula sub-group.	Bob Myrick	By January 18
31.8 Send Bob Myrick any other questions/comments for Dr. Cape.	All	By January 28
31.9 Talk to Dr. Cape about his availability and cost to attend the workshop.	Bob Myrick	By next meeting
31.10 Send invitations and book a venue for the workshop.	Brian Free	By next meeting
31.11 Review and revise the emissions inventory recommendation based on the team's discussion and distribute it to the team.	Brian Free	By next meeting.
32.1 Team members to send review comments regarding the topic summaries to Brian Free	All	By Feb. 1
32.2 Highlights from the Jan. 21 telephone call with Neil Cape will be sent to Brian to distribute to the Team	David Spink	By next meeting
32.3 A teleconference will be held wrt the March workshop	Roxanne P., Ian P., Brian F.	Jan 30

## 1) Administration

- a. Introductions
- b. Approve of the agenda and meeting purpose

Agreed to discuss some items from the planned fact-to-face meeting agenda, but did not attempt to go through entire agenda. Some administrative items were skipped, e.g. did not discuss and approve the Minutes from Meeting #31, Jan 15 nor did we review Action Items.

- Agreed to re-schedule the face-to-face meeting at ConocoPhillips in Calgary on February 6.

## 2) Review of topic summaries

- Agreed that members will review the drafts of the six Topic summaries and provide comments to Roxanne and Bob by Friday, and cc: Brian Free
- Bob Myrick, Roxanne P. and Brian F will review the resulting comments next Tuesday.

## 3) Funding the System

- Had a brief discussion about how the team will approach funding the system in it's report.
- A concern was raised that we should not be offering a range of options for funding the system, but should come to consensus on one recommended approach. This was generally supported by team members.
- In the January 22 draft #4 of the Funding topic summary, we offer 5 options, listed below:

### *Option 1 – Status quo*

*Funding for the current network is assessed to determine the percentage contribution by government, industry and others. This distribution of costs will continue to be applied into the future.*

### *Option 2 – Updated cost apportionment*

*Using the current apportionment of costs as a starting point, a new apportionment of costs will be negotiated by all contributing parties.*

### *Option 3 – Emissions-based apportionment*

*Costs are apportioned according to emissions of NO<sub>x</sub> and SO<sub>x</sub>; the more you blow, the more you pay!*

### *Option 4 – Emissions-based “plus”*

*Costs are apportioned according to emissions of all Criteria Air Contaminants: NO<sub>x</sub>, SO<sub>x</sub>, fine particulates, carbon monoxide, ammonia, and volatile organic compounds.*

### *Option 5 – Alberta government leads the way*

*Alberta Environment funds the \$5.6-million in capital costs for the recommended expansion of the ambient monitoring system, with all new monitors to be in place by December 2014. In 2012, a multi-stakeholder group will work by consensus to develop a funding formula and agree to a plan to fund the system on an ongoing basis, consistent with the principles noted above.*

- We will reject options 1, 2 and 3.
- We will support Option 5's position that AENV will fund the \$5.6 million initial expansion, but we will develop Option 4 further as our recommended funding formula.
- An important message is that funding will be based on monitoring costs.
- It was also suggested that we explain how our funding approach is different from the approach recommended in 1995.
- The timeline for expansion should be 2 years, at most.

## 4) Adjournment

- Ian Peace and Roxanne remained on the line to discuss the workshop with Brian.

- Discussed venues; Northern Forestry Centre, Matrix Hotel (formerly the Inn on 7<sup>th</sup>) and Coast Terrace Inn are possibilities.
- Regarding workshop flow, it was agreed that funding should be discussed in plenary, rather than one of the small breakout groups. Let everyone discuss this together.
- The overall network description with “dots on the map” should also be addressed with the entire group. The remaining four topics may be covered in breakout sessions in the afternoon.
- Fundraising will be necessary. The approximate budget is about \$6000.