

Minutes



Performance Measures Subcommittee meeting #57

Date: April 15, 2010

Time: 10.00 – 12.00

Place: Teleconference

In attendance:

Name	Stakeholder group
Kerra Chomlak	CASA
Bob Myrick	Alberta Environment
Ted Stoner	Canadian Petroleum Products Institute
Ruth Yanor	Mewassin Community Council
Jennifer Allan	CASA

Ted Stoner chaired the meeting, which began at 10.05pm. Quorum was achieved.

Action Items:

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53.3: Contact Health and Wellness to inquire if the SSN would be a more suitable indicator for performance measure 2c.	Jennifer	Carry Forward Ruth can give an update after HAHT meeting
54.4: Jennifer to investigate which CASA recommendations related to net-metering and if there is data readily available.	Jennifer	Carry Forward
54.7: The secretariat will contact the implementers as identified by the recommendations in the matrix.	Jennifer, Kerra	Ongoing, will find a way to increase responses & get board members involved
57.1 Bob will send an example graph of the PM & Ozone indicator for inclusion in the report to the board.	Bob	Done
57.2: Jennifer will follow up with the ERCB to obtain sample data for the new flaring and venting indicator.	Jennifer	End of April

1) Administration

- a. Approval of the agenda: The agenda was approved by consensus
- b. Approval of the minutes from the previous meeting: Minutes of the meeting #56 were approved by consensus.
- c. Action items follow-up:

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53.3: Contact Health and Wellness to inquire if the SSN would be a more suitable indicator for performance measure 2c.	Jennifer	Ruth can give an update after HAHT meeting

54.3: Jennifer will contact the NRCB to determine if complaints information is easily available and if it would be an appropriate indicator.	Jennifer	Done.
54.4: Jennifer to investigate which CASA recommendations related to net-metering and if there is data readily available.	Jennifer	Carry Forward
54.7: The secretariat will contact the implementers as identified by the recommendations in the matrix.	Jennifer, Kerra	Ongoing Need new tact: get board members involved
55.1: Jennifer will follow-up with the implementers of R&A recommendation 12(b) for more information.	Jennifer	Reported that the recommendation is covered in next energy framework; keep tracking
56.1 Bob will check with Alberta Environment if the proposed PM & Ozone indicator aligns with the State of Environment Reporting.	Bob	Done
56.2: Jennifer will continue to follow up with the NRCB.	Jennifer	Done
56.3: Jennifer will follow up with John Squarek about the flaring and venting indicator.	Jennifer	Done
56.4: Jennifer will work with the AMSP Project Manager to obtain the chart	Jennifer	Done
56.5: Kerra to investigate if co-located ecological and ambient monitoring is tied to an area of CASA action.	Kerra	Done

d. CASA Update: The Annual Report discussion at the last board meeting centered around the performance measures section. The board gave direction to either update the information or remove the old information. Previous practice has been to reprint PM 1, 2 and 4, but it seems redundant. The executive is deciding if they want to remove the PM 1, 2 and 4 graphs with text where the information will be available. This Annual report will show PM 3 and 5. The Coordination workshop is postponed until September. The Communications Committee has almost completed the survey text and decided it will run for 6 weeks either spring or fall. At the latest, the survey should be complete mid-October.

2) New and revised indicators

The committee discussed feedback and finalized the five new indicators.

1. PM2.5 and ozone (performance measure 1a)

The PM & Ozone implementation team was consulted on an appropriate indicators and agreed that Alberta Environment's measure for PM and Ozone is appropriate. The committee agreed that the new PM and Ozone indicator will be:

The percentage of stations assigned to action levels defined by the CASA PM and Ozone Management Framework based on annual three-year data assessments completed by Alberta Environment.

This indicator, unlike the other indicators in performance measure 1a, is very closely tied to CASA action and is calculated annually because AENV has committed to reporting to the CASA team. Therefore, the performance measures committee agreed this indicator should be calculated and reported annually, unlike the others in performance measure 1a.

The indicator will be shown by a graph illustrating how many stations are at each action level. The placement of a station will be defined by the PM and Ozone levels for the last three years. According to the framework, once a region is in a given action level, there is not a mechanism to move into a lower level if ambient levels decrease. This indicator will be based on the actual annual levels, not the policy framework.

Action item 57.1: Bob will send an example graph for inclusion in the report to the board.

2. CFO odour complaints (performance measure 1b)

The NRCB reports they are able to provide complaint data for confined feeding operations. The information will be aggregated for security purposes (i.e. it won't be split out among various types of CFOs). The committee noted that the indicator should include the timing context for CASA CFO team. The recommendations were approved in 2008 and the data will be for 2009.

Additional context is that some residents do not complain as often as before and the industry has declined activities during the recession.

The indicator will be:

The change in the number of complaints related to CFO operations.

3. Operational flaring and venting associated with coalbed methane (performance measure 1b)

The feedback received is that coalbed methane is a very small fraction of overall flaring and venting. It might not be a useful indicator, even though it is an area of CASA action. Some stakeholders recognize that there may be increased activity related to coalbed methane and feel it is worth tracking. Data is available from 2007.

The CASA team did work on flaring and venting related to well testing. This might be a more useful indicator as it is a greater proportion of total flaring and venting in the province. Data is available.

The team agreed to use a stacked bar graph to show flaring and venting related to well testing, coalbed methane and solution gas (already tracked).

Action item 57.2: Jennifer will follow up with the ERCB to obtain sample data for the report.

4. Update performance measure 2 (ambient monitoring capacity) to reflect 2009 AMSP

There were now changes to this performance measure. The graphs from the 2009 AMSP need some work, but can be amalgamated. If the information in the graphs is accurate to 2009, then this indicator is done!

5. Update performance measure 2 (ecological monitoring capacity) to reflect 2009 AMSP
There was no change to this indicator. In 2007, the CASA board approved a recommendation to drop co-located eco-regions, but it was reported in 2008 and 2009 because of an oversight.

3) Next steps and workplan

A draft report on these indicators will be finished by the end of next week for review by the team. The team envisions a short report as a follow-up to the December presentation. Ted, with Bob as a backup, will present on behalf of the team.

The information for Performance Measures 1a and 1b will be available by the end of summer. Performance measure 3 is complete, but only one co-chair responded to the 2 recommendations we are rating this year. The stakeholder survey is well on track and will be administered for 6 weeks either this spring or fall.

The next meeting will be September 21 (in person) to discuss Performance Measures 1-3. By that time, the secretariat hopes to have a rolling draft of the final report available for comment. A subsequent meeting in early November may be necessary to review the survey results and finalize the report.

The team will have a dinner after the June board meeting to debrief and share some laughs.

Meeting was adjourned at 11.40.