

Final Minutes



Performance Measures Subcommittee Meeting #36 - teleconference call

Date: Wednesday, February 28, 2007
Time: 3:30 to to 4 pm

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In attendance:

Name	Organization
Mary Griffiths	The Pembina Institute
Ted Stoner	Canadian Petroleum Products Institute (CPPI)
Marianne English	CASA
Brian Free	CASA

Action Items

Task	Who	When
33.9 Consult with stakeholders re the potential indicators, three measures of particulates and the question of absolute emissions versus emission intensities.	Mary, Bob, Ted	Before the March CASA Board meeting
33.12 Consult CASA stakeholders with respect to CASA organizing a meeting on the AQHI for Environment Canada.	Jillian	For next subcommittee meeting
33.14 Follow-up on the outstanding assessments. (<i>performance measure #3</i>)	Marianne/Brian	For next subcommittee meeting
34.8 Revise the description of the methodology.	Marianne/Brian	For next subcommittee meeting
35.1 Correct the minutes of December 18, 2006 and have them posted on the CASA website.	Brian	Asap
35.2 Contact Markus Kellerhals to find out if Environment Canada is still interested in an AQHI meeting in Alberta.	Marianne/ Brian	For next subcommittee meeting
35.3 Do the statistical analysis of the odour complaint data Marianne has collected.	Marianne/Brian	Asap
35.4 Check the EUB report with respect to terminology to be used around coalbed methane.	Marianne/Brian	Asap

Task	Who	When
35.5 Revise the documents in question and insert them in the appropriate places in the report.	Marianne	Asap
35.6 Draft an executive summary for the performance measures review report and forward it to subcommittee members for review and use in stakeholder consultations.	Marianne	Asap
35.7 Consult with stakeholders as soon as you receive the executive summary of the report.	Bob, Mary, Ted	Asap
35.8 Revise the performance measures review report and forward it to subcommittee members for review.	Marianne	Asap
35.9 Forward comments on the executive summary and the report to Marianne.	All	Asap
35.10 Prepare slides for both presentations to the board (performance measures review and performance measure #3)	Brian	By March 15
35.11 Present the performance measures review report and the performance measure #3 report to the board at their March, 2007 meeting.	Ted	On March 29
35.12 Finalize the indicators for performance measures #s 4 and 5.	Sharon and Marianne	Before February 28
36.1 The Performance Measures Review report will be modified to remove the indicators for greenhouse gas emissions and greenhouse gas emissions intensity.	Brian	ASAP
36.2 Feedback from CAPP will be shared with the Subcommittee	Ted Stoner	By week's end
36.3 The assessment of the implementation of substantive recommendations from 2002 will be circulated for Subcommittee review	Brian Free, All	ASAP
36.4 The report to the Board about Performance Measure #3 will include an offer to provide a future report on the low-rated recommendations from past years.	Brian Free	March 29

Brian chaired the meeting. It commenced at 3:35pm

The list of tasks from previous meetings was not reviewed.

1. Performance Measure 1b: “Reduced emissions of substances of concern in areas of CASA action”.

i. Delete the word “Reduced”

Mary suggested that the measure is more properly described as “emissions”, not “*reduced* emissions.” Marianne noted that Performance Measure 1a is similar in that it refers to “improved” air quality.

Mary did not feel strongly about the wording so it was agreed that the Performance Measure will remain unchanged, retaining the word “Reduced”.

ii. Feedback from upstream oil industry

Ted reported that the misperception about additional costs related to emissions inventories has been corrected and is no longer an issue. Only emissions data that are already available would be used for the CASA Performance Measure. He explained that the main concern related to the inclusion of greenhouse gases as an indicator for this measure. Following discussion it was decided that the Subcommittee would drop the greenhouse gas emissions and greenhouse gas emissions intensity from this performance measure.

Reasons:

- 1) Greenhouse gases do not comprise a major element of CASA’s current work.
- 2) Greenhouse gas emissions data will still be publically available from other sources.
- 3) The public policy environment related to greenhouse gas emissions is in a state of flux and circumstances surrounding ghg reporting may change significantly. For example, if an interational system of emissions trading is established, a simple portrayal of Alberta-based emissions will not give an accurate picture of progress in emissions management.

The inclusion of methane emissions was also discussed and it was decided to retain methane emissions as an indicator for this performance measure.

Reasons:

- 1) Methane emissions are very relevant to CASA’s current work. In particular, they pertain to CASA work related to confined livestock feeding operations and to flaring & venting from the oil & gas industry.

iii. Feedback from AENV

As Bob Myrick had not joined the teleconference, this item was not discussed in detail. However, it was suggested that the removal of greenhouse gas emissions and emissions intensity indicators would likely increase the comfort level of AENV.

2. Strategy for March 29 Board meeting

Brian will make changes to Marianne's report on the performance measures review to reflect the deletion of the greenhouse gas emissions and emissions intensity indicators. The report will be for the Board's briefing binder.

Action Item 36.1 The Performance Measures Review report will be modified to remove the indicators for greenhouse gas emissions and greenhouse gas emissions intensity.

Ted will forward the email he received from CAPP describing their concerns. He will report back to the Subcommittee after he meets with CAPP later this week to explain our changes to performance measure 1b regarding reduced emissions.

Action Item 36.2 Feedback from CAPP will be shared with the Subcommittee

3. Finalize the ratings of the implementation of the substantive 2002 recommendations

Brian reported that he had completed the analysis for Performance Measure 3 – an assessment of the progress made towards the implementation of substantive recommendations made in 2002. A total of 53 recommendations from three teams were assessed, with an overall average rating of **74%**. The teams included the Flaring & Venting Project Team, Acidifying Emissions Management Implementation Team and Pollution Prevention / Continuous Improvement Project Team.

Consensus among the assessors has been achieved and there are no outstanding issues for the Subcommittee to decide.

Brian agreed to circulate the ratings and the final report to the Board to the Subcommittee following the teleconference call.

Action Item 36.3 The assessment of the implementation of substantive recommendations from 2002 will be circulated for Subcommittee review.

Marianne pointed out that the Board had requested more information about the low-rated recommendations from the past, i.e. those rated 0 to 3. We haven't received the required information for some of these recommendations and will not be able to report by March 29. Ted suggested that we be up-front with the Board and offer to provide the complete report on low-rated recommendations at a future meeting. It was agreed that Brian would modify the report to include this.

Action Item 36.4 The report to the Board about Performance Measure #3 will include an offer to provide a future report on the low-rated recommendations from past years.

4. Next Meeting

The date and place for the next Subcommittee meeting was not discussed.

Brian adjourned the teleconference call at 4:05pm.