

MISSISSIPPI-RIDEAU SOURCE PROTECTION COMMITTEE MEETING

Thursday, October 1, 2009

1pm

RVCA, Manotick

DISPOSITION

Note: Underlining indicates a new or amended recommendation approved by Committee

1.0 c) Adoption of the Agenda

Motion 1-08/09

That the Agenda be adopted.

Carried

1.0 e) Approval of Minutes

Motion 2-08/09

That the minutes of the Mississippi-Rideau Source Protection Committee meeting of September 3, 2009 be approved.

Carried

1.0 f) Status of Action Items

Motion 3-08/09

That the Mississippi-Rideau Source Protection Committee receive the following report for information.

Carried

3.0 Reviewing the Province's Discussion Paper on Source Protection Plans

Motion 4-08/09

That the Mississippi-Rideau Source Protection Committee add the following two comments, which were included in comments submitted by the Source Protection Authorities, to their Environmental Bill of Rights Registry submission:

- **Definitions** – The regulation needs to provide clear definitions for terms the province has assigned a specific meaning to, these include “restricted land uses” and “risk management plans”. Terms can sometimes have a common meaning which needs to be clearly distinguished from their specific definition under the Clean Water Act.
- **Regional SPC Training Sessions** – It is essential that the MOE play a key role in building the capacity of source protection committees to develop effective source protection plans. This should include regional training sessions for source protection committee members (e.g. Eastern Ontario session for Cataraqui, Quinte, Mississippi-Rideau and Raisin-South Nation). These sessions must cover details of the final Source Protection Plan regulation and detailed information about available provincial instruments and risk management measures. It may also be beneficial to include other partners in these training sessions (e.g. municipalities, health units).

Carried

Motion 5-08/09

That the Mississippi-Rideau Source Protection Committee revise comment number 15 as follows:

15. **Official cannot Exempt a Risk Management Plan** – Risk Management Officials should not have the ability to exempt a person from requiring a risk management plan. If a provincial instrument can mitigate the risk then the risk management plan can be short and simple referencing the instrument that will be used to address the drinking water threat.

Carried

Motion 6-08/09

That the Mississippi-Rideau Source Protection Committee add the following comment which expands on comment number 21:

- **Municipal Instruments** – Municipal instruments should be identified as another policy approach category in addition to "land use planning" and "provincial instruments". Municipal instruments, such as sewer use bylaws and building permits, are a category of instruments that are generally derived from provincially delegated authority to municipalities, but they are well established and recognized as municipal instruments. In particular, sewer use bylaws could be used to reduce the risk of stormwater contamination and release of hazardous materials to sewers that pass through wastewater treatment facilities and enter watercourses supplying drinking water to downstream communities. Building permits and tree cutting permits are other examples of common municipal instruments that can limit or control land use activities at a lot level and therefore may be useful for source protection plans.

Carried

Motion 7-08/09

That the Mississippi-Rideau Source Protection Committee add the word "waterways" to comment number 23:

23. **Transportation Corridors** – The source protection planning framework should recognize the role that source protection committees can play in raising awareness of, and filling gaps between, emergency response protocols for spills along corridors (e.g. highways, railways and waterways) and at facilities.

Carried

Motion 8-08/09

That the Mississippi-Rideau Source Protection Committee add the following comment:

- **One-Window Compliance Reporting** – there should be inter-agency coordination when property owners report their compliance with source protection plan policies so property owners do not have to report the same information to multiple agencies.

Carried

Motion 9-08/09

That the Mississippi-Rideau Source Protection Committee move comment number 28 so it comes after comment number 34.

Carried

Motion 10-08/09

That the Mississippi-Rideau Source Protection Committee approve the following comments for submission to the Environmental Bill of Rights Registry – posting 010-6726 (Discussion Paper on Requirements for the Content and Preparation of Source Protection Plans.), as amended.

Carried

4.0 Community Outreach

Motion 11-08/09

That the Mississippi-Rideau Source Protection Committee receive the following report for information.

Carried