

Interagency Committee on Chemical Management
ICCM/Technical Team
Meeting Minutes: June 26, 2018
Winooski Room, 1 National Life Drive, Montpelier, VT 05620
Facilitated by John Zaikowski on behalf of Peter Walke, ANR

1. Welcome

2. Review of June 13 Meeting Minutes

Motion by Telep to approve the June 13 minutes. Seconded by Meyer. The Committee members voted to approve the June 13, 2018 minutes.

3. Review and Discussion of CAP Comments on Draft Report

The Committee received four groups of comments from four (4) CAP members and one (1) from an interested stakeholder. The Committee considered each in turn. Where the commenter numbered or itemized their comments, the Committee's response corresponds to that number, or are otherwise itemized for clarity:

A. Barb Patterson, Stone Environmental:

- Main comment: The Committee anticipates extensive beta testing, including utilizing the agile system development method which may include testing within a subset of agency programs, but pieces remain to be determined as this process moves forward. The report has been updated to reflect this aspect.
- Other comments: The Committee has re-evaluated the KPIs and updated the report. The implementation plan may need to be modified as this process moves forward, but the Committee believes it provides the appropriate foundation to build upon at this time. Local agency databases will feed in through the ETL process and intervals will be determined during the development phase based on program requirements. The Committee has re-evaluated the presentation of costs and staffing and updated the report. It believes this provides the appropriate amount of information at this stage. Identification of typos and incomplete sentences are noted, appreciated, and have been corrected in the report.

B. AIV:

- Recommendation C(2)(a): Chemicals of high concern to children have been vetted to present significant human health risk. The Committee considered other approaches and lists and determined this one to be most appropriate. The Committee believes the process proposed to evaluate chemicals presents a

more streamlined and consistent approach for any changes, however the Committee will also consider rulemaking as part of this process in the report.

- Recommendation C(2)(b): Chemicals with higher environmental persistence, a tendency to bioaccumulate, and toxicity exhibit increased risk at lower volume thresholds. The Committee believes it important for facilities to plan at lower thresholds for these types of chemicals.

C. Jon Groveman (VNRC), Lauren Hierl, Shaina Kaspar (TAC), Ken Rumelt (VLS):

- II.A. General Comments: The Committee appreciates the general comments and support.
- II.B. Reporting System: The Committee has identified the need to develop a master chemical data list/inventory that meets the reporting and querying requirements of the State Agencies, regulated community, and the public and will look to leverage any comprehensive lists it finds useful as the project moves forward.
- II.C. Change Evaluation Process:
 - As this is a dynamic process, the Committee does not feel it appropriate at this stage to develop or propose specific criteria. The Committee sees the creation of the review structure as being paramount at this stage, with criteria to be developed at a later time.
 - The Committee's intent for identifying the three types of chemicals in the report is to provide these as examples. The goal of the Evaluation Process would be to create a framework for consistent evaluation and coordination across Agencies.
 - The Committee believes the process it has outlined provides for consistency and transparency while allowing for a deliberative process to take place, in lieu of the de-centralized process which currently exists.
- Jon's Comments:
 - Change Evaluation Process: See II.C. above.
 - TURA: Mass TURA planners are employees or consultants working for the facility. In Vermont, full pollution prevention plans are exempt from the definition of public records and are therefore not subject to public inspection and copying under the Vermont Public Records law. The Committee believes the recommendations reflect a program that can be administered effectively and provide significant value to the reduction of toxics. The Committee believes the full infrastructure used in Massachusetts is not appropriate for Vermont's program at this time, given its scale, the use of existing resources, improved efficiencies, the increase from ½ to full time employee, and the implementation of the chemical reporting system.
- Shaina's Comments:

- (1) – The proposed system is anticipated to address the appropriate querying needs of all users.
- (2) – The goal of the unified electronic reporting system is to establish a central, unified location for electronically reporting, analyzing, and accessing information related to chemical management and use in the State. The system would make chemical reporting simpler by creating a “one-stop-shop” reporting portal for reporting entities, and would make the collected information available to State regulators and to the public with appropriate access and security filters.

D. GlobalFoundries:

- 1. The Committee appreciates these comments and will work to ensure the system meets the appropriate functionality and security for all users.
- 2. As this is a dynamic process, the Committee does not feel it appropriate at this stage to develop or propose specific criteria. The Committee sees the creation of the review structure as being paramount at this stage, with criteria to be developed at a later time. The Committee believes it is following its mandate.
- 3. The definition of large planners currently includes those with 10 FTEs or more. The Committee believes adding the corporate employee number would result in inclusion of facilities that are part of large corporations that have the resources to effectively plan for toxics use and hazardous waste reduction, thus furthering the goal of reduction and/or elimination. The Committee believes this would result in a modest increase if these recommendations were implemented, which necessitated its recommendation for modest increased staffing. The Committee believes its recommendations for required training and additional educational opportunities will help planners achieve stated policy goals (reduction of toxics use and hazardous waste generation) through identification of new reduction techniques/opportunities and development of more meaningful, robust plans. The Committee believes expanding the list of chemicals defined as toxic substances to include the “Chemicals of High Concern to Children” list will result in increased efforts to plan to reduce the amounts of those chemicals in use which will lead to increased environmental, occupational and public health protection.

4. Discussion of process for finalizing the report

The Committee considered changes to the report, which Zaikowski will incorporate for final review prior to submission of the final report to the Governor.

Committee Members in attendance:

John Zaikowski (on behalf of Peter Walke), *Agency of Natural Resources*

Telep, Peter, *Agency of Digital Services*
Meyer, Scott, *Department of Labor*
Sarah Vose (on behalf of Traci Dolan), *Department of Health*

Agency Staff in attendance:

Gonda, Jordan, *Agency of Natural Resources*
Wuestenberg, Tami, *Agency of Natural Resources*
Eamon Twohig, *Agency of Natural Resources*
Chuck Schwer, *Agency of Natural Resources*
Lynn Metcalf, *Agency of Natural Resources*
Linda Boccuzzo, *Agency of Agriculture, Food, and Markets*