

**Act 154 Chemical Use Working Group**  
Meeting Minutes: November 29, 2016  
The Vermont State House, Room 11, Montpelier, VT  
Facilitated by Jen Duggan, ANR General Counsel

1. The meeting commenced at 1pm with introductions of those present in person and on the phone. Jen Duggan, ANR General Counsel, reviewed the meeting agenda.
2. Jon Groveman made a motion to approve the minutes from the November 17, 2016 meeting. Josh Cox seconded that motion. The meeting minutes were unanimously approved without further discussion.
3. Jen Duggan reviewed the report outline that was distributed to the group on Oct. 17, 2016. No comments from the Working Group have been received to date. Jen Duggan provided an overview of the report and answered questions regarding report chapters and sections.
4. Deadline for comments from the Working Group on the majority recommendations was changed from Friday, Dec. 2nd to Wednesday, Dec. 7<sup>th</sup>.
5. ANR will circulate a draft report to the Working Group by Dec. 15<sup>th</sup>. The deadline for comments and edits to the draft report will be no later than Wednesday, January 4<sup>th</sup>, 2017.
6. Chuck Schwer gave an overview of the Environmental Contingency Fund (ECF) and progress on an Agency report that outlines the current ECF status and identifies opportunities to augment the fund. He stated that without action to increase funding, the ECF will be bankrupt in 2018. Jen Duggan reminded the Working Group that an evaluation of the ECF is part of the charge of this group. However, the Agency is conducting this evaluation pursuant to a separate legislative mandate. As such, Act 154 Working Group report will note this and reference the Agency's separate report.
7. Next steps: Another meeting will be scheduled for the week of January 2<sup>nd</sup> to discuss final edits to the report. Working Group members will receive a Doodle Poll shortly.
8. The meeting adjourned at 1:40pm.

Working Group members in attendance:

*Paul Burns, Vermont Public Interest Research Group*  
*Josh Cox, Vermont Department of Emergency Management and Homeland Security, Department of Public Service*  
*Bill Driscoll, Associated Industries of Vermont*  
*Jen Duggan, Agency of Natural Resources*  
*Jon Groveman, Vermont Natural Resources Council*  
*Shaina Kasper, Toxics Action Center*

Attendance by phone:

*Allison Crowley DeMag, American Chemistry Council*  
*James Ehlers, Lake Champlain International*

Deborah Hirtz, *University of Vermont Health Center*  
Ruma Kohli, *Global Foundries*  
Mitch Krauss, *Burton Snowboards*  
Scott Meyer, *Department of Health and Occupational Safety*  
Ken Rumelt, *Vermont Law School*  
Nicole Sala, *Seventh Generation*  
Daniel Tukey, *Global Foundries*  
Sarah Vose, *Vermont Department of Health*

Interested Parties in attendance:

Falko Schilling, *VPIRG*  
Matt McMann, *MMR*

ANR Staff in attendance:

Marjorie Gale  
Joanne Garton  
Ernie Kelley  
Chuck Schwer  
Tami Wuestenberg