

Minutes for the 10th Meeting of the Subgroup for Hotspots Exclusion

Telephone Meeting on 19th of May 2011, at 14.30 CET

Agenda

- 1) The meeting was opened in time scheduled, with representation of Finland (Henna Haapala), Sweden (Åke Mikaelsson), NEFCO (Henrik Forsström), Norway (Barbro Thomsen) and Russia (Ruslan Butovsky from Fund for Sustainable Development representing MNRE).
- 2) The Agenda was adopted, the Åke Mikaelsson was appointed as a Chair of the meeting and Ruslan Butovsky – as a Secretary.
- 3) The Minutes of the SHE9 Meeting of May 16th, 2011 were reviewed and adopted.
- 4) The last version of the Minutes of the meeting with the Hotspots Exclusion Groups in Moscow February 25th 2011 was sent to the regions by MNRE. The MNRE suggested to postpone the visits to the regions to the second half of June, after the BEAC WGE meeting in Komi. The participants submitted their time available for the visits and it was decided that Ruslan drafts a table reflecting the availability of the SHE members to perform such visits. For flexibility it was decided that not the entire SHE group needs to be presented at all visits and that the first visit be concentrated to about one week.
- 5) The Overview Chart developed by Åke, was reviewed, approved and it was stressed that the additional information from the regions should be requested by MNRE.
- 6) On discussion about the document on Fast Track Exclusion, drafted by Henna it was decided that MNRE should develop a dialogue with the regions, involving them in Hotspots Exclusion process. Henna will update the Fast Track Exclusion paper before the Komi meeting and distribute it next week to the SHE members for comments. Ruslan will update the paper and pass it further to Andrey Peshkov (MNRE) for comments. In general, the SHE must be ensured that (1) the Fast Track Exclusion procedure is well compatible with Russian legislation, regulation and terminology; (2) the Fast Track Exclusion paper is approved by MNRE as a working document; (3) appropriate MNRE departments as well as the Rosprirodnadzor are involved in the discussion and informed. Henna's point was that the paper itself should be an internal document subject to continuous development and improvement but also make the base for the SHE's communication with the HEGs and others. Thus, it was decided that the Fast Track Exclusion paper, after adaptation to Russian legislation, regulation and terminology,

should make the base for the development of 1) Guidelines for the regional HEGs and 2) a Presentation file to explain the procedure and requirements at meetings and seminars. A new version of the paper should be developed by May, 24; updated by June, 1 and a first Presentation file in powerpoint (1-2 slides) be ready by the time of the Komi meeting.

- 7) Henrik requested for comments from Russia and Norway on the HS Information Center by Wednesday, May, 25.
- 8) A) Åke reported that he had discussed the Hotspots seminar program with the Russian organizer of the BEAC WGE meeting in Komi, Ms Tatiana Tiupenko. Ms Tiupenko has shared the draft program of Hotspots seminar including presentation on each of the eight Komi Hotspots. Reviewing the draft program, SHE assessed it as well made and constructive, but deemed it necessary that there also was enough time for explaining SHE:s work and progress and plans in general. It was decided that Åke should ask Tatiana to give SHE some 30-40 minutes in the beginning of the Hotspots Seminar.. B) Regarding the joint meeting with SHE and CPESC group planned for June 8th at 17.00, it was stressed that it is important to understand the position of MNRE on how to proceed further with the Cleaner Production program. At the moment Barbro takes a lead on development of a new Russian-Norwegian CP Program, primarily funded by Norwegian side. Important issues to discuss during the joint SHE-CPESC meeting in Komi were proposed: (1) How does Russia assess the experience of the CP programme (incl. the CP Center in Moscow headed by Mr Yan Tsygankov) and how does Russia propose to continue with the CP programme; (2) How the CP Program results and methodology could be used for the purpose of SHE and the Hotspots Exclusion, (3) The management response of Norway on the Norsk Energi Report, Presentation and preparations on the Pajala project, (4) Follow up on measures taken at the Pechenga works. C) Discussing the draft WGE programme it was agreed that the time scheduled 09.00 – 13.00 on Thursday 9th of June 2011, better be devoted to a focused meeting of the SHE group rather than a SHE-Regional HEG-meeting. Relevant topics for the meeting were proposed. D) In addition, it was decided to have a separate meeting with the Komi HEG early in the morning on 10th of June 2011. Åke will include all SHE conclusions on the draft WGE programme listed above in a new draft WGE programme reflecting SHE's priorities.
- 9) It was deemed important that MNRE encourages and convinces people (in particular from regional HEGs) to participate in the BEAC WGE meeting in Komi.
- 10) The next conference call will take place on May, 26th at 15.00 CET.