

Minutes for the 15th Meeting of the Subgroup for Hotspots Exclusion

Meeting in Murmansk on 8th July 2011, at 19.00 – 20.30 Moscow time

Agenda

- 1) The meeting was opened in time scheduled, with representation of Finland (Riitta Hemmi), Sweden (Åke Mikaelsson), Norway (Barbro Thomsen), and Russia (Ruslan Butovsky from Fund for Sustainable Development representing MNRE). Two observers: from Norway (Ingrid Andersen) and Sweden (Nadya Maslova) also attended the meeting.
- 2) The Agenda was adopted, Åke Mikaelsson was appointed Chair of the meeting and Ruslan Butovsky Secretary
- 3) The Minutes of the SHE14 meeting on June 26th, 2011 were reviewed. Ruslan Butovsky will add comments from Åke Mikaelsson, Barbro Thomsen and Henrik Forsström and resend it to SHE members for final adoption.
- 4) Ruslan Butovsky reported that since the former SHE14 meeting no new information was received, but more information is expected during the Murmansk meeting.
- 5) **Assessment of the Murmansk HEG-meeting.** The participants exchanged with the opinions on the Murmansk-HEG meeting. Almost 50 people were present at the meeting and almost all HS were presented which shows the growing interest to the problem. However the Hotspot M8 (the one which was supposed to be excluded from the List) was not presented, some of the HS needed refinement (M9, M10). The Murmansk-HEG seems to be too large (34 persons) to be effective and the industry representatives have to be taken out of the HEG after it refines its structure. Barbro Thomsen raised an issue on how SHE may assist in services for the HS (for instance, water treatment). To Åke Mikaelsson's mind too much focus was put on the Fast Track Exclusion (FTE), although it is obvious that almost all HS must follow the regular procedure and not to be streamlined to fit the Ministerial meeting at early November. The presentations on HS seemed to be too positive. It was unclear who was the formal Head of Murmansk-HEG (Krapivin, Smirnov, Shveitser?); whether the HEG members have read AMAP/NEFCO report on HS; whether the AFA is supposed to be Rosprirodnadzor. It was decided: (1) to refine instructions to HEG; (2) reconnect AFA; (3) to develop a special presentation format for HS; (4) to refine the presentations and procedures; (5) to present FTE procedure as compared to ordinary procedure and make a coloured hand-outs explaining the procedures for participants; (6) to ask MNRE to push the regions to initiate the procedure of FTE of HS.

- 6) **Assessment of the State of the Art regarding the Detailed Definition of the Exclusion Procedure.** It is important to refine the exclusion procedure as a next point and to remind all HEG that the deadline for application of documents for HSE is August, 10. It is important to recall Henna Haapala to understand what documents do the HS need for screening. It is important to find 4-5 people in MNRE and Rosprirodnadzor which could be used for application screening. MNRE should initiate the procedure on every HS. There is also a basic need for a working meeting (Stockholm?) on the screening procedure.

- 7) **Planning for HEG's, SHE and WGE administration of HS proposed for exclusion.** Ake Mikaelsson presented a draft RoadMap on HSE stating the main deadlines. The SHE existing Workprogram should be also updated in line with the new time frame.

- 8) **Planning and preparation for SHE's visit to the regional Hotspots Exclusion Groups.** Ake Mikaelsson reported that the Arkhangelsk-Nenets HEG meeting is still under negotiation. The next joint SHE-HEG meeting will take place in Moscow in August 25, 2011. It is also planned that the SHE16 meeting will take place a day after – August, 26, 2011.

- 9) The meeting was closed.