



Minutes

49th Meeting of the Subgroup for Hot Spots Exclusion (SHE#49)

Web/telephone meeting May 25th, 2016

1. Opening of the Meeting

The telephone/web meeting was opened at 09.00 and the following participated:

- Russia (co-chair Maria Dronova)
- Norway (co-chair Hanne Aronsen, Olaug Bjertnæs, Helén Andersen)
- Sweden (Åke Mikaelsson, Nadya Maslova)
- Finland (Emma Nurmi)

and Observers:

- IBS (Maria Dianova)
- NEFCO (Henrik G. Forsström, Ruslan Butovskiy)

2. Adoption of the Agenda

The meeting agenda was adopted with minor changes.

3. Review and adoption of Minutes from the SHE 48 Meeting

Minutes of SHE 48 was adopted. The approved minutes will be circulated to the members of the SHE group shortly.

4. Follow-up of tasks distributed at previous meetings

The group did not go through all the follow-ups from SHE#48. Some of the follow-ups have therefore been transferred for the SHE49 minutes (see 7. Summary of Next Steps and Distribution of tasks).

5. Approval of the SHE Work Programme 2016-2017

The Work Programme was approved. The comments received on the final draft SHE Work Programme 2016-2017 were discussed. Russia noted that it is important to not duplicate Barents activities with similar bilateral activities. The group came to agreement on a final text for the Work Programme, with the inclusion of some names to the list of participants. The approved Work Programme 2016-2017 will be circulated to the WGE.

6. Presentation and Principle Approval of Pilot Support Activities

Åke presented his proposal for pilot hot spot support activities, with focus on a proposed seminar in Arkhangelsk in the fall 2016. The aim of the support activities is to build capacity and promote hot spot exclusion. The group appreciated the proposal and discussed content, possible timing and involvement of Nordic experts and industry. The group noted that it is important that the seminar programs closely link to the hot spot work. The week starting with September 26th was indicated as a possible timing for a seminar in Arkhangelsk. The support activities will seek funding from the Barents Hot Spot Facility (BHSF).

The group concluded on the following:

- The group approved the presented draft pilot hot spot support activities in principle,
- Åke and his team (Henrik, Ruslan and Maria Dianova) will continue the planning of the seminars, starting with one seminar on Pulp and Paper Industry in Arkhangelsk with the aim to organize it jointly with the BAT bureau in the Fall 2016,
- Åke will provide invitation and a draft program for the seminar in Arkhangelsk (and for webinars if relevant) as soon as possible, preferably by the end of June 2016,
- In case it is relevant to involve experts from the Barents countries as presenters in the program of the seminar, a request should be sent to the national representatives in SHE as soon as possible,
- Åke will circulate a short summary report on lessons learned from the study visit to the Kubal Aluminium smelter in Sundsvall, in mid June 2016.

7. Specific Exclusion Criteria Hot spot A3-1

Maria Dronova noted that the template for the Definition of Specific Exclusion Criteria for hot spots has not been formally approved by SHE of WGE. There is a need for a formal process on the Russian side for commenting on the template before it can be formally approved. Maria asked Hanne as SHE co-chair to formally send the draft template for the Definition of Specific Exclusion Criteria for hot spots to the Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment for comments. Expected time for comments will be 2-4 weeks.

Ruslan presented the progress on the Specific Exclusion Criteria for hot spot A3-1 since the previous meeting. There was a telephone meeting between experts on May 24th to discuss the draft Specific Exclusion Criteria for Hot spot A3-1. The Nordic experts noted that it might be beneficial if emission limits could be included as exclusion criteria for the hot spots. In the case of A3-1 the emissions of dust, NO_x and SO₂ are measured continuously today according to Ruslan. This is beneficial for the possibility to document if the facility meets limit values.

The group concluded on the following process:

- The Nordic experts and NEFCO will give comments directly into the draft Specific Exclusion Criteria for Hot spot A3-1 with track changes,
- When a revised version is agreed on between the Nordic countries experts, Ruslan will make sure the revised draft Specific Exclusion Criteria for Hot spot A3-1 is translated into Russian and circulated to all relevant stakeholders on the Russian side for their comments,
- The document including the Russian comments will be translated back to English and circulated to the Nordic experts again,

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- Based on the result of this process a meeting between the Russian stakeholders and the Nordic experts will be considered, before the Specific Exclusion Criteria can be adopted.

Ruslan will oversee the process, make sure there is progress and report back to SHE on the result.

8. Introduction of new colour in the hot spot exclusion process

A fourth colour is introduced to visualise the progress in the hot spot exclusion procedure. Åke presented a proposal for a new colour (orange) in the hot spot exclusion process where traffic light colours are used to illustrate progress. The colour will change from red to orange when the Specific Exclusion Criteria is adopted and from orange to yellow when the action plan is adopted. The group supported the proposal and asked Åke to prepare a short text on the prerequisites for changing from one colour to another, to be used by IBS when maintaining the website "Hotspot information system". SHE will inform WGE about the decision on introducing a new colour along with the text explaining the changing from one colour to another.

It was noted that it is not always clear which body should make which decisions in the hot spot exclusion system. There might be a need for some clarifications on the procedure. The Norwegian chairmanship will look into this.

9. Follow-up on hot spots A4, Ko1 and Ko2-1

This agenda item was postponed until a later meeting.

10. Summary of Next Steps and Distribution of tasks

Task	<i><u>Responsible</u></i>	<i><u>Deadline</u></i>
Circulate the approved Minutes from SHE#48	Hanne	asap
Circulate the SHE approved Work Programme 2016-2017 to the she group and WGE for information	Hanne	asap
Send official request for Russian comments on the draft template for Specific Exclusion Criteria	Hanne	asap
Provide comments on the draft template for Specific Exclusion Criteria	Maria Dronova coordinates	June 24th
Send out invitation and a draft program for support activity seminar in Arkhangelsk	Åke	30 June
Involve the countries early in case there is a wish to include experts in the program of the support activity seminar in Arkhangelsk	Åke	asap
Prepare a short summary report from the study visit to the Kubal Aluminium smelter in Sundsvall in mid May 2016, with focus on lessons learned that could be useful for the later SHE support activities	Åke	30 June

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Formulate prerequisites and a brief explanatory text for the Web-site for the colour switching from red to orange between Steps 2 and 3.	Åke	30 June
Catch up on the TEC-Conclusion regarding A4	Nadya and Bosse	12 August
Circulate Minutes from SHE#49	Hanne	asap
Comment on the Minutes from SHE#49	All SHE members	June 16th
Make the appropriate contacts with Murmansk MNRE for organizing a HEG meeting in Murmansk in the Fall of 2016.	Maria Dronova, MNRE	In due time
Enable agreed process for the review of the draft Specific Exclusion Criteria for hot spot A3-1 (with the aim to present a revised draft and possible recommendations to SHE before the next SHE meeting)	Ruslan	
Circulate draft exclusion criteria for hot spots Ko6 and Ko7 (in English). (postponed from SHE#48)	Ruslan	
Invitation to SHE#50 meeting in St Petersburg in the week starting with September 19, back to back with the WGE meeting.	All SHE members (Norway will invite)	

11. Any Other Business

Helén informed that it was concluded that the CPESC group would temporarily be put on hold pending new project initiatives. Cross-cutting issues, e.g. climate issues and sustainable development will be addressed to the WGE.

Maria Dianova informed about the received confirmation of funding (300.000 DKK) from NordRegion for the climate change project.

12. Date and Topics for Next Meeting

The next SHE meeting will be in St. Petersburg in the week starting with September 19, back to back with the WGE meeting.

If needed the SHE group will organize a per capsula meeting before the St Petersburg meeting.

Murmansk region has indicated their willingness to organize a HEG meeting in Murmansk during the Fall of 2016. The SHE group asks Maria Dronova in MNRE to make the appropriate contacts with Murmansk MNRE for this meeting. SHE group will try to organize a SHE meeting back to back with the HEG meeting in Murmansk. Preferably in the end of November 2016.

There SHE group also plans for a meeting in Murmansk, back to back with a HEG meeting.

13. Closure of the Meeting

The meeting was closed at 13.15.