



Minutes

60th Meeting of the Subgroup for Hot Spots Exclusion (SHE#60)

Telephone Meeting, September 18, 2017

1. Opening of the Meeting

The telephone meeting was opened at 13.00 (Oslo time). The following participated:

- Norway (Hanne Aronsen, co-chair, Olaug Bjertnæs, Ingrid Lillehagen)
- Sweden (Åke Mikaelsson)
- Finland (Helena Dahlbo, Johanna Laaksonen, Saija Vuola)

and Observers:

- IBS (Maria Dianova)
- NEFCO (Henrik G Forsström, Vitali Artyushchenko, Ruslan Butovsky (consultant))

Absent: Russia (Maria Dronova, co-chair)

2. Adoption of the Agenda

The agenda was adopted. Since Russia did not participate in the meeting, all the decisions during the meeting will be pending on a confirmation by Russia of their approval after the meeting.

3. Review of Minutes from the SHE 59 Meeting

The Minutes from SHE#59 meeting were approved intersessionally (14 August) and are translated into Russian. The approved version was circulated to the group 18 August (English) and 8 September (Russian). No further remarks.

4. Follow-up of tasks distributed at SHE#59

Due to time constraints the co-chair had identified 2 tasks that were considered more urgent for a status update;

Follow-up 8. Ko1. Consultant review of S&A for hotspot Ko1.

NEFCO informed that they have identified a team of international and Russian consultants for making an expert review of the updated 2017 S&A report for hotspot Ko1 (greenhouse gases from coal mines, Vorkuta). Russia supports main topics of the concept note. NEFCO will proceed to contract the consultants.

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The SHE group confirmed their support of the task for consultants. The initial task is a desk study of the 2017 S&A report for Ko1, and the SHE group strongly hopes for a result before the SHE/HEG meeting in Syktyvkar. (The consultants may also be available for further inventions related to Ko1 and Ko8.)

Follow-up 17, Support Activities.

A group comprising of Åke Mikaelsson, Maria Dianova, Henrik G Forsström and Ruslan Butovsky, have proposed several new hotspot support activities to SHE. Two of the new support activities are proposed to SHE#60 for possible SHE support to promote for funding by NEFCO through the BHSF.

1) The initiation of a consultant review of S&A for hotspot Ko1. (See above sections under follow-up 8)

2) A waste seminar in Arkhangelsk. Initially this was an activity under the Norwegian-Russian bilateral cooperation, but it was proposed to expand it to include all Barents countries and regions. The topic is solid waste management, with a focus on information and outreach regarding source separation. SHE was asked for their support in conducting the seminar as a Barents hotspot support activity and subsequently giving it the opportunity of obtaining funding from NEFCO through the BHSF for the events in Arkhangelsk.

The SHE group supported the Arkhangelsk waste seminar as a hotspot Support Activity and agreed to ensure that the programme of the Arkhangelsk seminar should not overlap with the programme of another Barents waste seminar in Moscow, proposed by Finland (to discussed at SHE#61) – detailed information about seminar will be provided later.

The rest of the follow-up tasks from SHE#59 are addressed below. Those not followed up yet are forwarded to the new list of follow-ups after SHE#60.

Follow-up 3. Ko7: clean up draft exclusion criteria OK

Follow-up 4. A3-1: Circulate draft exclusion criteria for comments OK

Follow-up 6. Ko1: Circulate S&A OK

Follow-up 7. Ko1: Input on draft task for consultant OK

Follow-up 12. Ko7: Further revision of hotspot exclusion criteria OK

Follow-up 18. Comments on the 2017 Ministerial declaration to Maria Dronova OK

Follow-up 21. Find a date for the SHE#60 meeting OK

Follow-up 22. Find a date for a possible SHE/HEG meeting in Syktyvkar OK

Follow-up 23. Reply to Komi about a SHE/HEG meeting in Syktyvkar OK

Follow-up 24. Circulate draft agenda for SHE#60 OK

Follow-up 25. Comment on draft agenda for SHE#60 OK

5. Hotspot A4 – Arkhangelsk Pulp and paper Mill, Severodvinsk

A meeting between SHE and WGE about hotspot A4 was held 19 June. The draft SHE statement (4th draft, 12 June 2017) about exclusion of hotspot A4 has preliminary concluded that the water part (effluents to water) may be recommended for exclusion, however, there are still outstanding questions regarding the emissions to air. The WGE/SHE meeting concluded with some questions for Rozprirodnadzor about the emissions to air specified in the minutes from the meeting. Later a letter from Rosoridnadzor was circulated to SHE (5 September). The letter did not answer all the

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questions from the WGE/SHE meeting, however, concluded with suggesting excluding hotspot A4 from the list.

Based on the statement of Rosprirodnadzor, formal position of Russia (MNRE) on the issue is to exclude A4 from the list. The Nordic countries noted that it still seems OK to exclude the water-part of the hotspot, but it was recognized that there are still some open questions regarding the emissions to air. It was also questioned whether the list of planned actions from the 2015 S&A for A4 have been implemented.

It was agreed that the co-chair will update the SHE statement about hotspot A4, indicating the countries positions in SHE, and circulate it to the SHE group for approval. Hopefully the SHE statement can be submitted to WGE for their consideration before their next meeting in Norway (Kjerringøy) 28 September.

6. Hotspot Ko7 – Wood Waste in Komi – specific exclusion criteria

The co-chair thanked Åke for revising the draft exclusion criteria for Hotspot Ko7 before the summer. Since that Norway and Komi has commented, and a draft including these comments was circulated 15 September to the SHE group for their consideration.

The group went through the draft exclusion criteria of 15 September and all the members of the group could agree to the wording of this draft. One outstanding question is 4.2.b) about reference to the regulation for pelletzing and combustion of wood waste. The group agreed that the co-chair would contact Tatyana Tiupenko to get this information. If there is no regulation for this, the wording from a) and c) can be used ("is organized to ensure that there is no negative impact on ground, soil cover and water bodies").

The co-chair will circulate the final version to SHE and to Komi HEG for "approval"/consensus as soon as possible. After agreement, the exclusion criteria will be proposed to WGE for their consideration.

7. Outreach Material for the 2017 Ministerial

Maria Dianova informed about the drafting of information leaflets about hotspots, for the 2017 Ministerial.

The group discussed the message and target audience for the leaflets. Due to limited resources, priorities will have to be made on which hotspots to present. The general understanding seemed to be that the leaflets should focus on the environmental improvements at (some selected) hotspots, and that the audience is the local residents in the Barents region. The leaflets should be bilingual (ENG/RUS), easy to read and to the point. Relevant hotspots to present (question mark indicates that it is unsure): Ko7, A4?, Ko1?, Ko2-1?, Ko3-2?, Ko6?, some from Karelia also? (Note that only a selection of these can be presented)

Maria Dianova will circulate the first draft leaflet(s) to SHE for comments before SHE#61. The leaflet issues will be an important discussion in SHE#61.

8. Date and Topics for Next (SHE) Meeting

The group discussed the proposal for a SHE/HEG meeting in **Syktyvkar** (Komi). 11-12 October 2017 has been identified by SHE as possible dates for such a meeting. Tatyana Tiupenko has prepared a draft program that has been forwarded to SHE for comments.

The group supported the meeting and concluded that it is a SHE/HEG meeting. There should be enough time in the program to discuss the hotspots aiming for exclusion (Ko7, Ko1 and Ko2-1 are the most relevant to discuss (for exclusion)), if there is time, hotspot Ko8 and Ko3-2 could also be presented. In order to ensure enough time for meeting and discussion it was agreed to find out if it is possible to expand the meeting with one day (11-13 October) and suggested: 1,5 day meeting and 1 day (0,5+0,5 days) site visit to hotspots (return Friday 13 October after lunch).

The co-chair will reply to Komi (Tatyana Tiupenko) to find out if this will be possible.

A possibility of covering some expenses of the meeting in Syktyvkar from the BHSF (especially related to simultaneous interpretation) was also discussed. NEFCO confirmed that this would be possible and the SHE group supported this.

The SHE group went through the agenda for SHE#61 meeting in Kjerringøy, Norway, 27 September, back to back with the WGE meeting, and agreed to add an agenda item about hotspots in Karelia.

9. Summary of Next Steps and Distribution of Tasks

Task	<i>Responsible</i>	<i>Deadline</i>
1. Circulate draft Minutes from SHE#60	Hanne	asap
2. Comments on draft Minutes from SHE#60	All	25 September
3. Send Russian confirmed (written) consent or objections to the SHE group decisions from the SHE#60 meeting (since Russia was not present)	Maria Dronova	asap
4. Ko1: Hire a team of consultants to do an expert review of the updated S&A 2017 report for Ko1. The consultant review should be finalized and submitted from NEFCO to SHE as early as possible, with a strong wish from the SHE group to have initial finding available at SHE#61.	NEFCO/Henrik Forsström	asap
5. Ko7: Based on the reply from Komi about reference to the Regulation for pelletizing and combustion of wood waste, finalize the specific exclusion criteria for Ko7 and circulate to SHE for their agreement.	Hanne Aronsen	asap
6. Ko7: After agreement between HEG and SHE, the exclusion criteria will be proposed to WGE for their consideration.	Hanne Aronsen	
7. Ko7. Komi may later, following a possible SHE approval of the Action plan (step 5), send a report on completed implementation of the action plan (step 6) send an application (request?) to SHE for exclusion of hotspot Ko7 (step 7) including the necessary documentation and a statement from Rosprirodnadzor	Komi/Tatiana Tiupenko	asap
8. Ko7: Forward to SHE a letter from Rosprirodnadzor regarding the exclusion of hotspot Ko7	Tatiana Tiupenko	asap
9. Ko7: Contact Komi HEG (Tatyana Tiupenko) to get a correct reference to the Regulation for pelletizing and combustion of wood waste, for the specific exclusion	Hanne Aronsen	asap

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criteria, and information on whether Komi HEG can agree to the exclusion criteria for hotspot Ko7 with these final modifications.		
10. A4: Inform the SHE group about the Russian position regarding exclusion of hotspot A4.	Maria Dronova	asap
11. A4: Prepare a revised SHE statement about A4 (5 th draft), including the Russian position to the SHE group for approval.	Hanne Aronsen	asap
12. A4: After SHE approval of SHE statement about A4, send the statement to WGE for their consideration.	Hanne Aronsen	asap
13. A3-1: Comment on draft specific exclusion criteria for hotspot A3-1	Nordic experts	30 August (asap)
14. A3-1: Prepare and circulate a revised draft specific exclusion criteria for Hotspot A3-1 taking into account the comments from the Nordic experts	Ruslan Butovsky	asap
15. Outreach material for 2017 Ministerial: Circulate a first draft leaflet to SHE on hotspots	Maria Dianova	asap
16. Murmansk hotspots. Check with Murmansk what the status for the Murmansk hotspots is and clarify if the hotspot owners are waiting for something from SHE.	Maria Dronova	asap
17. Support activity: "Waste Seminar Arkhangelsk nov 2017", preparations including draft program, dates, invitations etc. to be presented to SHE for their consideration	Norway	(asap) October
18. Ko3-2: Prepare an updated S&A for the waste water part (Ko3-2) of the Mondi hotspot	Komi/ Tatiana Tiupenko	ongoing
19. Ko6: Prepare a TEC review of the S&A report for Ko6	Nordic experts	After 2017 Ministerial?
20. Ko6: Komi will continue developing draft exclusion criteria for Ko6 and send it to SHE	Komi/Tatiana Tiupenko	ongoing
21. Ko8: Consider to hire a consultant to do a TEC review of the S&A report for Ko8	NEFCO/Henrik Forsström	After 2017 Ministerial?
22. Task force on SHE cooperation with BAT Bureau – report back to SHE on possible support activities in cooperation with BAT Bureau	Åke Mikaelsson	ongoing
23. Prepare and circulate 2nd draft agenda for the SHE#61 meeting	Hanne Aronsen	20 September
25. Comments and input on draft agenda for the SHE#61 meeting	All	25 September

10. Any Other Business

No other Business

11. Closure of the Meeting

The meeting was closed at 15:30.