



**SUBGROUP ON HOTSPOT EXCLUSION (SHE)**

**Minutes for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Joint Meeting of the Subgroup for Hotspots Exclusion and Regional Hotspots Exclusion Groups (HEGs)**

**Moscow, 22<sup>nd</sup> of September 2011, at 10.00 – 17.00 Moscow Time**

1. The meeting was opened in time scheduled, with representation of Sweden (Åke Mikaelsson, Nadya Maslova), Finland ( Riitta Hemmi), NEFCO (Henrik Forsström) and Russia (Andrey Peshkov from MNRE, Ruslan Butovsky from Fund for Sustainable Development). Deputy Head of Department of International Cooperation MNRE Irina Fominykh, Maria Dronova from MNRE and HEG representatives: Sergey Chibisov from Nenets Autonomous Okrug; Tatiana Tiupenko from Komi Republic; Kirill Sinitsky from Arkhangelsk oblast; Tatiana Ilmast from Republic of Karelia and Tatiana Rakitina from Murmansk oblast.

In the opening remarks Ms. Fominykh (Deputy Head of Department for International Cooperation MNRE) stressed the importance of review of the text of Ministerial Declaration on hotspots.

2. **The Agenda** was adopted, Åke Mikaelsson was appointed Chair of the meeting and Ruslan Butovsky Secretary. Maria Dronova asked to review the Ministerial Declaration as related to hotspots issue and to add this point it to the Agenda.

3a. **The Minutes from 1<sup>st</sup> Joint SHE-HEG meeting held on February 25, 2011** were adopted with minor comments. Åke Mikaelsson inter alia pointed out that the numbering of some hotspots were incorrect and it has to be reflected in the Minutes.

3b. The participants adopted the **Mandate of the HEGs** considering that it should be written in an appropriate administrative language.

3c. Åke Mikaelsson explained the General Exclusion Procedure and stated that, given that all the necessary documentation could be gathered, Step 1 of the Procedure could already be regarded completed for all Hotspots and that the HEGs now are encouraged to reporting on Step 2 results (Screening and Analysis) for the primarily selected hotspots in their respective regions.

The participants adopted the Exclusion Procedure as a working tool for practical hotspots exclusion.

Henrik Forsstrom explained the strategy of NEFCO activities and explained that the NEFCO funds maybe used for support of hotspots exclusion concrete activities.

Tatiana Tiupenko stressed the importance of the coordination of different administrative bodies involved in solution of hotspots problem.

Andrey Peshkov pointed out the necessity of better coordination of HEG activities considering the hotspots demonstrate different readiness for exclusion. Many documents have to be developed and also “translated” into appropriate administrative language.

#### **4. Reports from HEGs**

4a. Tatiana Tiupenko reported on the Komi HEG activities.

Conclusions:

- SHE has to develop the standard format for HEG presentations for the Ministerial meeting in Umeå in November 2011.
- The Komi HEG will prepare the hotspot Ko3 – Syktyvkar pulp and paper mill for exclusion in 2011

The Komi HEG will correct the names of the hotspots:

- Ko4 (Communal sewage discharge in small settlements),
- Ko5 (Poor drinking water quality in many towns and districts of the Republic of Komi),
- Ko6 (Formation of industrial and domestic wastes), Ko7 (Wastes of timber and pulp and paper industry) and
- Ko8 (Coal-mining wastes).

4b. Tatiana Ilmast reported on the Karelian HEG activities

Conclusions:

- The Karelian HEG will prepare the hotspot K10 – Stock of obsolete pesticides for exclusion in 2011
- The Karelian HEG will correct the names of the hotspots:
  - K2 (Gas emissions from Nadvoitsky Aluminium smelter),
  - K3 (Drinking water supply in towns and settlements of the Republic of Karelia),
  - K4 (Poor water quality on water supply network of Petrozavodsk),
  - K6 (Absence of municipal sewage treatment facilities in a number of smaller towns),
  - K7 (Oil and coal burning at boilers) and
  - K8 (Hazardous industrial solid wastes and communal wastes).

4c. Tatiana Rakitina reported on Murmansk HEG activities

Conclusions:

- Murmansk HEG will prepare hotspot M8 – Mercury-containing wastes for exclusion in 2011
- Murmansk HEG will correct the names of the hotspots:
  - M4 (Heat and power plant, Apatity),
  - M6 (Water quality in Kola river and Bolshoye Lake used for drinking water supply of Murmansk city),
  - M10 (Handling of oil containing wastes)
- Murmansk HEG recommends hotspot M1 (“Pechenganickel” combined smelter, Nickel, Zapolyarny), M4 (Heat and Power plant, Apatity), M7 (Drinking water supply in Zelenoborsky-1 settlement) for exclusion in 2012.

4d. Sergey Chibisov reported on NAO HEG activities.

Conclusions:

- The Nenets HEG will correct the name of hotspot N3 (Waste waters of Naryan Mar city and its port discharged into Pechora river)
- The Nenets HEG will recommend hotspot N2 – Poor drinking water quality in the NAO settlements and towns, for exclusion in 2012

#### 4e. Kirill Sinitsky reported on Arkhangelsk HEG activities

##### Conclusions:

- Arkhangelsk HEG will prepare hotspots A4 – Arkhangelsk pulp and paper mill, Novodvinsk and A10 – Stocks of obsolete pesticides, for exclusion in 2011
- The activities on the exclusion of hotspot A2 (Arkhangelsk heat and power plant) should be stimulated and HEG asked for a letter from federal Rosprirodnadzor
- Arkhangelsk HEG will recommend hotspot A5 (Kotlas pulp and paper mill, Koryazma) for exclusion in 2012

### **5. Further actions on hotspots exclusion.**

5a. The Ministerial Declaration was reviewed and commented.

5b. Åke Mikaelsson explained the Step 2 (Screening and Analysis) of the Hot Spots Exclusion Procedure which was discussed and approved.

5c. Andrey Peshkov explained to the participants that in 2012-2013 BEAC will be chaired by Finland. In order to promote the exclusion of hotspots, Andrey Peshkov also proposed that exclusion sessions should be held at least every year and if possibly, also announced intersessionally by the Ministers.

It was also stressed that Exclusion of the hot spots in 2011 clearly need to be included in the Agenda of the Ministerial meeting. Meantime it is necessary to start a normal “long-term” Hot Spots Exclusion Procedure of exclusion for the rest of the hotspots and to plan SHE site visits thoroughly. It is planned to visit 1-2 regions in 2012.

### **6. Pajala Project.**

Ruslan Butovsky, Russian coordinator of Pajala project, presented the updated information on Pajala project and informed that the 1<sup>st</sup> training course for Russian group will be held in Luleå in October 17-21, 2011. The participants stressed the importance of the education of the targeted Russian group consisting of representatives of federal and regional authorities and enterprises, which as result could serve as valuable specialists, in hotspots exclusion in the Barents region.

**7. The next joint SHE-HEG meeting** is planned in Moscow, October 25, 2011.

### **8. Important deadlines**

It was concluded that

- HEGs will complete the set of documents on the 5 hotspots, ready for exclusion in 2011: Ko3 - Syktivkar pulp and paper mill, K10 - Stock of obsolete pesticides , M8 - Mercury-containing wastes, A4 - Arkhangelsk pulp and paper mill, Novodvinsk and A10 - Stocks of obsolete pesticides ,and submit it to MNRE by October 4, 2011
- All HEGs will correct the names of hotspots (see the Minutes) and submit it to MNRE by October 4, 2011
- All HEGs will decide what hotspots are planned to be excluded from the List in 2012 by October 4, 2011
- All HEGs will review the composition of their groups and by October 4, 2011 will submit an up-dated participant list (including the Chair and the Secretary) to MNRE
- Final date for completion of the Screening & Analysis reports is 19 of October 2011.

### **9. Closure of the meeting.**