

Meeting Summary for the Telkwa Water Technical Working Group (TWTWG)

1:30pm-3:00pm PSD, September 26th, 2006 Telkwa Municipal Hall

Attending:

Teresa Morris - Ministry of Energy, Mines and Petroleum Resources (MEMPR),

Dr. Tony Gorody – Consultant to MEMPR

Les McDonald – Ministry of Environment (MOE)

Jack Love – MOE

Ron Craig- Northern Health Authority

Stefan Schug – Office of the Wet'suwet'en

Brenda Donas – Village of Telkwa

Mark Allen - Town of Smithers

Rob Boyce - Bulkley Valley Community Resources Board (BVCRB),

Regrets:

Pat Hudson – MOE

Dave Tamblyn – MOE,

Leah Sheffield - Ministry of Agriculture and Land

Fiona Scurrah – Oil and Gas Commission

Tom Pendray - DFO

Crissy Isabelle - Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako

TWTWG Comments on MEMPR Sponsored Water Information Session

- The session would have benefited from having a facilitator who unfortunately was fogged in and not able to arrive until 1:00 p.m.
- Les McDonald and Dr. Gorody were not able to make their presentations nor were they afforded the courtesy of finishing their sentences.
- There was a general complaint from the public attending that the time of day selected was not optimal and that an evening session would have been better.
- The objective of reaching a common understanding on water issues associated with CBG development was not met.

Review of Mapping Information

The Working Group reviewed a number of maps prepared by MEMPR including geology maps, maps depicting the location of registered wells and old coal exploration holes.

General Comments Regarding Domestic Well Sampling Program

- In some respects the budget will determine the extent of the sampling program. Up to 30 wells could be sampled. Samples could cost up to \$4,000 per sample when factoring the cost for the sampling crew and analysis.
- Sampling needs to be more than twice a year as in Telkwa as there are two high periods (May and early October) and two lows (February and mid August).
- Parameters measured need to be consistent for groundwater and surface water sources.

- The Wet'suwet'en have knowledge of where natural springs are located and can assist in ensuring the water sampling programs considers this information.
- The Northern Health Authority has the location of several wells and chemical analysis that may be helpful.
- Sampling will be for wells within a 1 km radius of potential exploration. Wells beyond this area will serve as providing control information.
- Observation wells may be required and these wells would be nested so as to measure at different depths.
- There is some information on the delineation of the aquifer in Telkwa.

Future Information Requirements

- There is a variety of information required by Dr. Gorody including xy coordinates for water wells. Dr. Gorody will provide MEMPR with a list of information requirements and outline a draft proposal for a domestic well sampling program that can be discussed at the next meeting.

Next Meeting

Tuesday, October 17th, 2006

8:30 a.m. to Noon (PST)

1020 Murray St, Smithers (ph. 250-847-7207)