

Coalbed Methane/Natural Gas in Coal Multi-Stakeholder Advisory Committee (the Committee)  
Meeting Minutes  
Rom 206, Red Deer Provincial Building  
April 18, 2005  
9:30 to 4:00

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In attendance:

Mike Ekelund ( <i>chair</i> )	Alberta Energy
Bev Yee ( <i>co- chair – via conference call</i> )	Alberta Environment
Jamie Wuite ( <i>alternate</i> )	Alberta Agriculture, Food and Rural Development
Phyllis Kobasiuk	Alberta Association of Municipal Districts & Counties
Gene Rawe	Alberta Beef Producers
Bob Willard	Alberta Energy & Utility Board
Tom Nahirniak	Alberta Surface Rights Federation
Don Bester	Butte Action Committee/Rimbey & District Clean Air People
Deryl Hurl	Canadian Association of Petroleum Landmen
Mike Gatens	Canadian Association of Petroleum Producers (CSUG)/ Canadian Society for Unconventional Gas / Small Explorers and Producers Association of Canada
John Squarek	Canadian Association of Petroleum Producers (CSUG)/ Canadian Society for Unconventional Gas / Small Explorers and Producers Association of Canada
Else Pedersen ( <i>alternate</i> )	Freehold Petroleum & Natural Gas Owners Association
Mary Griffiths	The Pembina Institute
Barry Cole ( <i>alternate</i> )	Sustainable Resource Development
<i>Others</i>	
Gene Roach ( <i>facilitator</i> )	Community Development
Karen Henderson ( <i>secretary</i> )	Alberta Energy
David Breakwell ( <i>observer</i> )	Alberta Energy
Sharla Rauschning ( <i>observer</i> )	Alberta Energy
Tom Byrnes ( <i>observer</i> )	Alberta Energy & Utility Board
Nga de la Cruz ( <i>alternate via conference call</i> )	Alberta Environment
Dave Rushford ( <i>observer</i> )	Canadian Association of Petroleum Producers (CSUG)/ Canadian Society for Unconventional Gas / Small Explorers and Producers Association of Canada
Sari Shernofsky ( <i>writer</i> )	
Absent:	
Sharil Baumgardner	Alberta Environmentally Sustainable Agriculture Committee
Allen Wright	The Coal Association of Canada

### **Welcome and Introductions**

The meeting started at 9:30.

### **Information Item**

David Breakwell, Assistant Deputy Minister, Electricity and Gas, was introduced to the MAC. He will attend future meetings in order to take over responsibilities as Chair after the release of the final MAC report.

### **Review/Ratification of Minutes**

#### ***ACTION***

- *Minutes from March 14 and 15 were ratified.*

### **Deadline of Extension of EUB Bulletin 2005-08**

Mike Ekelund provided a copy of a letter sent to EUB requesting an extension for responding to Bulletin 2005-08 regarding well spacing. A copy of the EUB news release extending the deadline until June 1, 2005, was also distributed.

### **EUB Directive 065**

Bob Willard handed out a copy of the directive (formerly called "Guide 65") for information purposes.

### **Parking Lot Issues**

A representative of Human Resource and Employment (HRE) has agreed to attend a MAC meeting to discuss issues related to land agents. Also, the MAC suggested some changes to the issues identified and had some additional issues to be added to the parking lot document.

- Pipelines – locations of pipelines, especially older ones, need to be located and identified.
- Seismic holes – reclamation requirements.
- Reclamation – appropriate funding.

The MAC reviewed a draft letter template to be used to communicate parking lot issues. The MAC recommended a single letter be sent addressing all issues related to a particular department or entity, rather than sending separate letters for each issue. Also, a one page summary document outlining the MAC purpose and process should be included.

#### ***ACTION***

- *Karen Henderson will arrange for HRE to attend a MAC meeting.*
- *Karen will update and revise the parking lot issue document for May 2 meeting ensuring sufficient background information on the issue is included.*
- *Karen will develop a summary for inclusion with the parking lot issues letter*
- *MAC members will forward any issues they feel were not previously included.*

### **Review and Discussion of Draft Preliminary Findings**

The MAC continued review of the Draft Preliminary Findings document.

### **Proposed Water Recommendation**

Based on further feedback from the MAC, Mike Ekelund will provide a revised water recommendation.

### **CBM/NGC Well Decision Tree**

Bev Yee and Nga de la Cruz participated, via conference call, in a discussion on the water decision tree.

#### ***ACTION***

- *Bev will update the decision tree based on MAC discussions.*

**Prioritize Recommendations**

The MAC undertook a preliminary prioritization of recommendations.

***ACTION***

- *The MAC will prioritize recommendations again after completion of the preliminary findings review.*

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Bob Willard	Alberta Energy & Utility Board
Karl Zajes ( <i>alternate</i> )	Alberta Surface Rights Federation
Don Bester	Butte Action Committee/Rimbey & District Clean Air People
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*Others*

Karen Henderson ( <i>secretary</i> )	Alberta Energy
Sharla Rauschnig ( <i>presenter</i> )	Alberta Energy
Tom Byrnes ( <i>observer</i> )	Alberta Energy & Utility Board
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John Squarek ( <i>observer</i> )	Canadian Association of Petroleum Producers (CSUG)/ Canadian Society for Unconventional Gas / Small Explorers and Producers Association of Canada

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**NGC Drilling Models**

Mike Gatens provided a Powerpoint presentation summarizing the modeling simulations regarding the potential impacts to aquifers as a result of gas drilling. The MAC discussed potential draft recommendations in relation to the presentation.

***ACTION***

- *Mike will provide an electronic copy of the presentation for the MAC.*
- *Bev Yee will provide further information on the current regulations for non-saline water production.*

**CBM/NGC Well Decision Tree**

The MAC continued discussion on the decision tree.

***ACTION***

- *Nga will lead a technical team to investigate minimum thresholds and will report findings on May 13.*

**Proposal Regarding Water Well Testing**

Nga provided an update as to the work being undertaken by AENV and EUB. The MAC suggested industry support the use of licensed water well drillers and to include this in the best practices document.

***ACTION***

- *John Squarek will consider inclusion of this in the best practices document.*

**Update on Clean Air Strategic Alliance (CASA)**

John Squarek advised the “Flaring and Venting Recommendations for Coal Bed Methane Final Report” is available on the CASA website for review ([www.casahome.com](http://www.casahome.com)).

***ACTION***

- *Karen will forward an electronic to the MAC members.*
- *A link to the report will be included in the preliminary findings document.*

**Best Management Practices Manual**

John Squarek distributed copies of the draft. The document includes comments received from a number of MAC members. John asked the MAC for their comments no later than April 28.

***ACTION***

- *The MAC will forward comments to John by April 28.*
- *The document will be discussed at the May 2 MAC meeting.*

**Follow Up Process**

Sharla distributed a draft of the process based on the MAC meeting discussion in March. One additional change was suggested. The draft will be revised and reviewed again in late summer.

**Meeting Dates**

Future meetings are scheduled for April 25 and May 2, 3 at the Red Deer Provincial Building. Additional meetings are scheduled for May 13 and 25, 26, with locations to be announced.