

Draft minutes

Canadian Flaring and Venting Regulators Forum

Meeting

Date: Wednesday February 15, 2012

Time: 0800 PDT; 0900 MDT; 1000 CDT; 1100 EDT; 1230 NFLD – Approx. 1 hour.

Place: Teleconference

In Attendance:

Name	Group
Kevin Parsonage	BC Oil and Gas Commission
Brad Wagner	Saskatchewan Energy and Resources
Randy Dobko	Alberta Environment
Paul Molloy	NL Department of Natural Resources
Jennifer Abel	Manitoba Innovation, Technology, Energy & Mines
Christy Wickenheiser	National Energy Board
Zoe Pfeiffer	National Energy Board
Fannie Lalonde	Environment Canada
George Eynon	Energy Resources Conservation Board
James Vaughan	Energy Resources Conservation Board
Jim Spangelo	Energy Resources Conservation Board

New Action Items

	Who	Due
12-02-A: James to set up the 3 meetings with CAPP, Keyera and SEPAC.	James	ASAP
12-02-B: Invite Roger Fernandez from USEPA to our June meeting in Winnipeg	James	ASAP
12-02-C: Invite Matt Johnson to our Meeting in Winnipeg.	James	ASAP

1) Administration

- The meeting convened at approximately 0800 PT; 0900 MT; 1000 CT; 1100 ET and 1230 NT.
- A round of introductions was conducted.
- Minutes from last meeting on September 22, 2011 were approved.

Previous/Ongoing Action Items:

	Who	Due
11-09-A [ACTION ITEM] – Send out ERCB Directive 060 references for extinguishing our pilots.	James	Done
11-09-B – Set up a teleconference meeting with ERCB and NL Department of Natural Resources to discuss pilotless flares.	James	Done

11-06-B: : [ACTION ITEM] – James will ask members to submit annual flaring and venting numbers to prepare National reporting on flare and vent volumes report	James	Carry Over
10-06-F: Ask NACE for permission to post presentation on CFVRF website	James	Carry Over
10-06-G: Work on Fuel, Purge, Blanket etc. gas definitions	Paul, Jim S. Kevin	Ongoing

2) Previous Action items:

- Jim, Kevin and Paul have been working on the harmonization of flare and vent definitions. Meetings will be scheduled soon to discuss the idea with CAPP and SEPAC.
- The Canadian Country Implementation Plan for the GGFR needs to be updated. It currently has 2007 numbers in it. James will be asking member jurisdictions soon for the respective flare and vent numbers for 2010. – Update: James will be asking for 2011 numbers later this year to update the plan.

3) New items.

- Fannie – Venting information – Bliers extended for 3 months
- Looking into Directive 060 being implemented federally.
- Randy – Zak Semaine – Alberta’s representative on Bliers
- Venting aligned with Directive 060.
- Jim S. – Looking at VOC’s not including methane.

4) Update regarding Purge Gas, Fuel Gas, Flare Gas, etc. Definitions

- CAPP to participate as an observer.
- Need to pursue a midstreamer (Keyera)
- Need to chat with SEPAC
- Envision 3 meetings:
 - o 1 – To outline what we propose
 - o 2 – To get feedback from industry
 - o 3 – Finalize feedback before moving ahead.
- Need to approach GGFR
 - o Would the definitions align with GGFR definitions?
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Action Item: James to set up the 3 meetings with CAPP, Keyera and SEPAC.

5) CAMPUT ERC – Halifax – September 25, 2011

- James presented an update from the CFVRF to CAMPUT ERC.
- Outlined our progress and direction with respect to harmonization of definitions

- ERC values and supports the work we are doing.
- Next meeting in Quebec City on Sunday May 13, 2012.
- James plans to attend to give an update.
- Any others wishing to attend? Let James know.

6) Upstream Oil and Gas Inventory Development Initiative

- Todd – Update CAPP inventory form 2000
- Clearstone updating inventory
- Facilitate the development of a comprehensive inventory.
- Deliverable by March 2013.
- Flare and vent are only one component
- Could the CFVRF feed into this?
- Should we bring up our definition work to make sure we are on the same page?

7) Next CFVRF face-to-face meeting in Winnipeg in June.

- June 14th is the date set for the meeting.
- May have a tour of the Manitoba Geological Society 3D Theatre of Geological Formations.
- Request from Mike Layer to have Roger Fernandez from the USEPA come and talk to us about the USEPA's 'Subpart W' legislation.
- Team agreed to invite Roger.

Action Item: James to invite Roger Fernandez to the June meeting.

- Environment Canada has a contribution agreement with Dr. Matt Johnson.
 - \$100,000. Intent of measuring soot and black carbon.
 - Related to PTAC.
- Dr. Matt Johnson (Carleton University) is doing further research with the University of Alberta on what else could be entering a flare stream.
- Suggestion made to invite Matt to our June meeting.

Action Item: James to contact Matt and invite him to the June meeting.

8) Other Business?

The team wanted to emphasize that although Canada is technically not a member of GGFR at the moment, we still support it.

Meeting was adjourned at approximately 0900 PT; 1000 MT; 1100 CT; 1200 ET and 1330 NT.