

Federal Contaminated Sites Management
2023 Indigenous Engagement - Western Virtual Session
BC / AB / SK / MB

AGENDA

February 21st
9:30am – 3:00pm (PST)

Facilitator:

The Centre for Indigenous Environmental Resources Inc. (CIER)

Presenters:

Environment & Climate Change Canada (ECCC), Indigenous Services Canada (ISC)
 Public Services and Procurement Canada (PSPC), Procurement Assistance Canada (PAC)

Participants:

Nations & Tribal Councils across Western Canada (BC, AB, SK, MB)

Meeting Objective:

To enhance information sharing and engagement with Nations regarding the management of federal contaminated sites, and identify opportunities for increased collaboration.

TIME		TOPIC	LEAD(S)	DOC(S)
1	9:30 am	Opening Remarks & Introductions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Welcome • Virtual housekeeping • Opening Prayer • Round of Introductions • Engagement Overview & Objectives • Poll & Jam Board Demo 	CIER	Agenda
2	9:50 am	Overview of FCSAP Program <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation by FCSAP Secretariat • FCSAP Program, Contaminated Sites On-Reserve Program (CSOR), and Northern Contaminated Sites Program (NCSP) 	ECCC	FCSAP Secretariat Deck
3	10:10am	Contaminated Sites On-Reserve (CSOR) Program Overview & Regional Perspectives <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation by Indigenous Services Canada (ISC) 	ISC	ISC Deck
4	10:45am	Community Perspectives on Federal Contaminated Sites Management	CIER & NATIONS	Discussion Guide / Breakout Rooms
	11:00am	BREAK		

5	11:10am	Discussion of FCSAP Program: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Feedback on the FCSAP program & general management of federal contaminated sites Current (Phase IV) Moving Forward (Phase V)	CIER & NATIONS / GOC	Discussion Guide / Breakout Rooms
	12:00 Noon	LUNCH		
6	1:00 pm	Re-Cap of FCSAP Discussion	CIER	None
7	1:15 pm	Socio-Economic Opportunities & Procurement <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Presentation by PSPC/PAC 	PSPC-PAC	PSPC-PAC Deck / Discussion Guide
	2:00 pm	BREAK		
8	2:15 pm	Skills Enhancement & Training Opportunities	CIER & NATIONS / GOC	Discussion Guide / Breakout Rooms
9	2:45 - 3:00 pm	Session Wrap-Up & Closing Remarks <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Next Steps - 2023 What We Heard Report Circulated to Participants (when available) Session Feedback Survey Final Remarks Closing Prayer 	CIER	Discussion Guide

SESSION DISCUSSION GUIDE

AGENDA ITEM #1: *Opening Remarks and Introductions*

Poll question

- What territory or community are you from? (word cloud)

AGENDA ITEM #2: *Overview of the Federal Contaminated Sites Action Plan (FCSAP) Program*

Poll question

- Do you have experience with the FCSAP Program? (yes, no, unsure)

AGENDA ITEM #4: *Community Perspectives on Federal Contaminated Sites Management (FCSAP Program, Contaminated Sites On-Reserve Program)*

Outcomes:

- *GOC to gain a broader understanding of the challenges faced by Indigenous governments regarding contaminated sites*
- *Establish Nations' objectives for this engagement session*

BREAKOUT DISCUSSION

- How have contaminated sites impacted your community with respect to health, environment, economic and safety concerns?
- Have clean-up efforts (if applicable) solved or reduced these problems?
- What are some of your objectives for this 2022-23 Indigenous engagement session?

AGENDA ITEM #5: *Discussion of FCSAP Program (Phase IV & V)*

Outcome:

- *GOC would like to hear the challenges, recommendations and priorities of Indigenous governments related to contaminated sites management and the FCSAP program*

CURRENT FEDERAL CONTAMINATED SITES PROGRAM (Phase IV: 2020-2025)

Topic: Nation Priorities

Poll question

- Are the following recommendations from the 2018 Canada-wide Indigenous engagement sessions still a priority for you?
 - *Improved collection and sharing of information about contaminated sites* – This includes improved information sharing from the government on the location of sites, assessment and remediation procedures, responsible parties, and introducing a means of information sharing between Indigenous groups.

- *Community involvement and capacity-building* – Ensuring communities have more direct involvement in contaminated site management, have access to expertise and networks, and have opportunities to increase local capacity and economic development.
- *Scope of the FCSAP program* – Extend FCSAP funding eligibility to investigate contamination in all Indigenous communities, as opposed to only the highest-priority historic sites as determined by the federal government.
- *Prioritization of sites* – Indigenous Knowledge should be included in determining the prioritization of a site for assessment and remediation.
- *Proactive measures* – Implement proactive measures to prevent contamination before it happens and address ongoing sources of contamination.
- *Interactions between levels of government* – Increase the level of provincial/territorial involvement, and clarify the responsible level of government in a coordinated manner.

OPEN DISCUSSION:

- What are your biggest priorities related to the management of federally contaminated sites? (including any new priorities we may have not heard)

Topic: Progress to Date

- Have you noticed any improvements in the management of federal contaminated sites over the last few years? Are we on the right track?

BREAKOUT DISCUSSION

- How have you felt that your government's concerns, feedback and priorities been heard, respected and addressed (or not) by the program over the last few years?
- What has your government's experience been in the prioritization of sites?
- Was your Indigenous Knowledge and community's experience taken into consideration in the prioritization process? If not, what improvements can be made?
- What are the biggest barriers faced by your community regarding the management of federal contaminated sites?

FEDERAL CONTAMINATED SITES PROGRAM – MOVING FORWARD (Phase V: 2025-30)

Outcome:

- *GOC would like to hear the challenges, recommendations and priorities of Indigenous governments related to contaminated sites management and the FCSAP program moving forward*

Topic: Improved Collaboration

BREAKOUT DISCUSSION

- What are your biggest concerns regarding the effectiveness of the program moving forward and the management of federally contaminated sites?
- How could we better support you in getting the contaminated site information you want or need?
- How could FCSAP strengthen the participation of Indigenous governments in the planning, prioritization, and delivery of federal contaminated sites work?

OPEN DISCUSSION

- How could federal government programming help Indigenous communities to manage cleaned-up sites to avoid future contamination, including by preventing fuel spills and leaks and reducing diesel and heating oil use?
- How does your government involve diverse voices (e.g. women, youth, Elders, gender diverse peoples etc.) and address impacts on different demographics of Indigenous people? How can GOC involve these diverse groups moving forward?
- Do you have suggestions for improving engagement in the future?

Topic: ECCC Mandate Letter Commitment

Background: The December 2021 Mandate Letter to the Minister of Environment and Climate Change included a commitment to *“identify, and prioritize the clean-up of, contaminated sites in areas where Indigenous Peoples, racialized and low- income Canadians live”*. Contaminated sites in these areas may be eligible for FCSAP funding, however may not be a priority for funding under the current eligibility rules.

OPEN DISCUSSION

- How would you like to be involved in the planning, identification and prioritization of sites identified in the Mandate Letter Commitment?

AGENDA ITEM #6: *Re-Cap of FCSAP Discussion*

Poll question

- What did you have for lunch (word cloud)?

AGENDA ITEM #7: *Socio-Economic Opportunities & Procurement*

Outcome:

- *Participants to gain context and insight into the socio-economic aspects of contaminated sites.*

Poll Question:

- Has your community experienced employment or economic opportunities related to federal contaminated sites activities (yes, no, unsure).

OPEN DISCUSSION:

- Has your community experienced any barriers related to employment or economic opportunities regarding federal contaminated site activities?
- How could more local jobs be created cleaning up contaminated sites, to train local people so that they can do this work, or to provide other kinds of benefits for the community from clean-up work?

AGENDA ITEM #8: *Skills Enhancement & Training Opportunities*

Outcome:

GOC would like to gain a better understanding of the skill enhancement and training needs of Indigenous governments and communities.

Poll Question:

- Have you participated in contaminated sites training from FCSAP in the past? (e.g., Canada Wide Standards for Petroleum Hydrocarbons, Project Management Training, etc.) (yes, no, unsure).

BREAKOUT DISCUSSION:

- What are the particular training/capacity needs for communities?
- Do you have recommendations for the development/delivery of training?
- Would you be interested in participating in contaminated sites management training? Examples:
 - Indigenous business and federal procurement through Public Services and Procurement Canada (PSPC)
 - Overview of the 10-Step Approach to Manage Federal Contaminated Sites
 - Overview of the CCME Canada-Wide Standard for Petroleum Hydrocarbons
 - Overview of Human Health and Ecological Risk Assessment
 - Practical skills training, such as sampling or remediation work

AGENDA ITEM # 9: *Session Wrap-Up & Closing Remarks*

Poll Question:

- *Are you interested in opportunities to network or connect with other Indigenous governments to learn about success stories and best practices to managing contaminated sites (yes, no, unsure)?*

Open Discussion

- Is there a community success story or lessons learned story you would like to share?
- Is there any specific type of follow-up that would be helpful moving forward?