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Beaufort Regional Environmental Assessment

Waste Management Working Group Activities

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BREA Work Plans – Why Waste Management?

- Important issue to the Inuvialuit, government and industry due to environmental and economic concerns
- Historical issues, e.g. sumps
- Issue identified in BSStRPA and carried over to BREA
- A topic of interest to many parties in any review of proposed oil and gas exploration or development activity
- Consistently a difficult issue to resolve satisfactorily in project-specific review processes (EISC, EIRB, CEAA)

BREA Waste Management Working Group

- Working Group includes federal departments and agencies, territorial governments, Inuvialuit and industry
- **Purpose**
 - To assist in moving towards a more holistic, regional approach to the identification and resolution of waste management issues related to oil and gas activities in the Beaufort Sea region.
 - To support efficient and effective environmental assessment and regulatory decision-making as related to relevant aspects of waste management.

BREA Waste Management Working Group Objectives

Current objective:

- To provide the rationale and a foundation for the potential development of a Regional Oil and Gas Waste Management Strategy in the Inuvialuit Settlement Region

Possible future objective:

- Development of a Regional Oil and Gas Waste Management Strategy for the Inuvialuit Settlement Region?

BREA Waste Management Working Group Activities and Outcomes

- Funded contract to:
 1. Produce a Framework for a Regional Oil and Gas Waste Management Strategy (RWMS) for the Inuvialuit Settlement Region (ISR)
 2. Identify a process including consultation and communications plan to develop a RWMS for the ISR
 3. Produce a Report to include:
 - general description of what might be included in a strategy
 - potential benefits of a RWMS
 - identification of clients and stakeholders
 - summary of current guidelines, policy, and regulation and approaches to waste management in the region
 - Framework for a potential RWMS in the ISR
 - process to develop a potential RWMS in the ISR
- Final report to be delivered March 31, 2013*
- Following receipt and review of the report the BREA Steering Committee will consider next steps including potential development of a RWMS in the ISR*

BREA Waste Management Project Details

- Identify examples of oil and gas related waste management strategies or similar regional initiatives focussed on Alaska, Norway or other locations similar to the ISR
- Summarize reasons for the development of regional waste management strategies or initiatives in the examples; highlight the benefit to clients and stakeholders and identify positive outcomes and challenges
- Analyse and summarize the strengths and weaknesses of the examples and assess the applicability of the content and approaches to potential development of regional initiatives in the ISR
- Identify the current context for oil and gas waste management in the ISR including organizational roles and responsibilities, development and application of policy, standards and regulations
- Identify the clients and stakeholders for a potential Regional Oil and Gas Waste Management Strategy (RWMS) in the ISR
- Develop a Framework for a RWMS for current and future oil and gas exploration and development activity in the ISR
- Identify a detailed step by step process including consultation and communication plan to gather information, identify issues, develop and reach consensus on a potential Regional Oil and Gas Waste Management Strategy in the ISR



Thank You

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