

# Keeping the Community Informed



**The companies operating in the Three Creeks area are committed to sharing information with the community and continue to address concerns about air quality, emissions and traffic.**

Shell Canada, Murphy Oil, Baytex Energy and PennWest Exploration operate in the Three Creeks area and are committed to listening to their neighbours and addressing concerns about air quality, emissions and traffic. Representatives from these companies, as well as Tervita, have formed an Industry Steering Committee to provide direction and resources at the senior leadership level for the collective work of the companies involved in looking at how to improve air quality, reduce emissions and reduce traffic impacts.

## Spring 2014

The companies participated in the Alberta Energy Regulator's proceeding on odours and emissions in the Three Creeks area and appreciated the participation of community members at the proceeding. The proceeding Panel released its report and recommendations on March 31, 2014, and the Alberta Energy Regulator responded on April 15, 2014. The Industry Steering Committee feels that the recent reports and recommendations from the Alberta Energy Regulator offer additional clarity, and are moving forward to meet and exceed the expectations.

## Best Practices Working Group

Chair: Rick Ramsay, Baytex

Facilitator: David Hill

We have drafted several new best practices related to:

- Efficient use of vacuum trucks
- Tank truck minimum design criteria
- Truck loading procedures
- Odour protocol (when identified by the operator)
- Diagnostics for emission detection
- Trucking compliance
- Prohibition of fresh water release from tank trucks
- Co-ordinating turnaround activity

We are continuing to work on the scope of these practices and will align them with direction provided by the Alberta Energy Regulator in the recommendations from the proceeding.

Traffic matters are another area of focus. We are providing funding for the County's 840 road construction initiative, and continue to review and assess traffic data. We have also sponsored the ongoing placement of the speed trailer at various locations on county roads. Further work on traffic initiatives is ongoing with a view to developing expected behaviours for all oil company staff and contractors working in the area.

Random truck checks are being conducted for compliance with various safety and environmental requirements. For each inspection, results have been provided to both the oil company and the trucking company, and we appreciate the opportunity to get direct feedback on our trucking operations.

## Air Quality Working Group

Chair: Allison Fisher, Shell Canada

Facilitator: Karla Reesor

## Multi-Stakeholder Air Monitoring Subcommittee

Facilitator: Karla Reesor

The Air Quality Working Group and the Multi-Stakeholder Air Monitoring Subcommittee have been working together closely the past few months to monitor the progress and results of two air studies. In April, Stantec provided its analysis and recommendations in the Three Creeks Air Monitoring Data Review Report. Stantec identified areas where changes could be made to enhance the effectiveness of air monitoring in the region. The Working Group and the Subcommittee are creating a plan for continuous

improvement of the air monitoring, based on the Stantec recommendations and also considering the direction provided by the Alberta Energy Regulator.

The Emissions Inventory Study, led by Clearstone Engineering, is on-going. Clearstone is conducting field testing this summer to be able to better identify and quantify the emissions in the Three Creeks area. Results are expected later in the summer or early fall.

The Air Monitoring Data Review Report will be available on the Northern Sunrise County website ([www.northernsunrise.net](http://www.northernsunrise.net)) in the next few weeks, and the Emissions Inventory Report will be on the website when it is complete.

Real-time (raw) air monitoring data is also available on the Northern Sunrise County website. Maxxam Analytics, which manages the on-site air monitoring equipment, has provided access to SiteAnalyst through the Northern Sunrise County website. Anyone is able to see the current air monitoring data, and reports of monthly data will also be available soon. We welcome feedback and suggestions about additional information that would be helpful to share.



The Multi-Stakeholder Air Monitoring Subcommittee met on April 16 in Peace River. From the left: Allison Fisher (Shell), Al Duben (Alberta Energy Regulator), Wally Qiu (Alberta Energy Regulator), Candace MacDonald (Alberta Energy Regulator), Jesse Sopko (Northern Sunrise County), Reid Glenn (Resident), Lesley Hoven (Shell), Cristen Adams (Alberta Environment and Sustainable Resource Development), Doug Dallyn (Resident). Also participating by teleconference: Mark Anderson (Husky), Anthony Traverse (Baytex), Stephanie Neilson (Murphy), Cassandra Schostek (Penn West). Photo by Karla Reesor (Moving Forward - Facilitator).

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