

ÉTUDE SUR LA SANTÉ DANS LA RÉGION DE

Belledune

AREA HEALTH STUDY

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Appendix B - Study Terms of Reference



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TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR STEERING COMMITTEE

The Steering Committee will

1. be made up of representatives from the Departments of Health and Wellness and Environment and Local Government, and mayors of the communities in the study area. The director of communications for the study will be an ex office member.
2. be chaired by the Provincial Epidemiologist
3. report through the chair to the Deputy Minister and the Minister on the outcome of each meeting of the steering committee. The Chair will also keep the Deputy Minister and Minister informed on other matters pertaining to the study
4. meet at least monthly and minutes will be kept
5. be responsible for the management of the study in such areas as overseeing the study work plan, budget etc
6. provide advice and direction to the study team that would assist in the conduct of the study
7. review reports prepared by the study team and provide appropriate feedback that would enhance the conduct of the study
8. form working groups as is necessary

TERMS OF REFERENCE BELLEDUNE HEALTH STUDY

PREAMBLE: The consulting group hired by the Department of Health and Wellness to carry out the health study shall perform the following functions and shall report to the Steering Committee

1. Review and assess environmental monitoring data for the study area in order to identify types of exposure
2. Review industrial emissions in the study area to identify releases of concern and if necessary conduct deposition modeling
3. Identify gaps in monitoring
4. Characterize the health risks that may be associated with these exposures
5. Review existing health status data for the area under study to determine if there are any significant health problems
6. If there are significant health problems, determine the most likely factors responsible including environmental exposure, lifestyle etc
7. Recommend biomarker testing if necessary e.g blood lead levels in children
8. Conduct an effective community participation process to gather information and provide feedback
9. Evaluate information obtained from the community to determine if there are other issues of concern that should be studied
10. Conduct or arrange for testing to fill data gaps that are needed to carry out the health study.
11. Maintain and submit appropriate financial documentation associated with the health study.

TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR REVIEWERS

PREAMBLE: The reviewers of the Belledune Health Study shall advise the Steering Committee on the scientific integrity of the study by carrying out the following functions.

Review the:

1. Goals and objectives of the health study
2. Proposed methodology as it applies to the human health risk assessment, health status evaluation, community participation and deposition modeling plus any other methodology that may be used to address other areas of concern
3. Statistical analyses used to analyze data and conclusions reached
4. Preliminary reports submitted to the Steering Committee
5. Final report submitted to the Steering Committee

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