Description of Expert Meetings Posted March 21, 2001

The following is a preliminary description of the Expert Meetings. This list is only intended to assist in your determination of which meetings might be of interest, and does not strictly limit what will be discussed or provide an exhaustive summary of papers that will be debated. Detailed agendas, times, and locations will be provided approximately one week in advance of each meeting.

The list of papers will be updated regularly, and all papers are or will be available on the Inquiry's Website.

April 19-20

Guiding Principles for Drinking Water Safety

Risk management, the applicability of the precautionary principle to safe drinking water, and multiple barrier approaches.

Managing the Health Risks from Drinking Water. D. Krewski et al.
Social Risk, Political Rationality and Official Responsibility: Risk Management in Context. R. Dobell Risk Communication. D. Powell

April 23-24

Potential Contamination of Drinking Water; Drinking Water Standards

Sources and pathways of contaminants found in drinking water, risks associated with various contaminants, risk assessment and the setting of standards.

Managing the Health Risks From Drinking Water. D. Krewski et al. Manure Management in Ontario. M. Goss et al. Sources, Pathways and Relative Risks of Contamination in Water. L. Ritter

May 3-4

Protection of Drinking Water Sources

Groundwater and surface water quantity, source protection by land use restrictions, well-head protection areas and aquifer recharge areas, municipal waste regulations and sludge application.

The History of Groundwater Research in Canada with Focus on Ontario. G. Blundell The Development of Water Supply and Sewage Infrastructure in Ontario, 1880-1990's. J. Benidickson A Brief Overview of Water Quantity and Related Issues in Ontario. D. Tate

May 9-10

Treatment, Distribution, and Monitoring of Drinking Water

Technical aspects of treatment, distribution, and monitoring of drinking water and wastewater, state of the art in engineering.

Managing the Health Risks from Drinking Water. D. Krewski et al. The Production of Drinking Water. E. Doyle et al., Delcan Corporation The Treatment of Waste Water. E. Doyle et al., Delcan Corporation

May 16-17

Government Responsibility for Drinking Water

Constitutional responsibilities, role of municipal government, history of government involvement.

The Development of Water Supply and Sewage Infrastructure. J. Benidickson The Machinery of Government for Drinking Water in Ontario. N. d'Ombrain Provincial-Local Relations relating to Drinking Water. A. Sancton

May 22-24

Provincial Regulation of Drinking Water Safety I

Operations of key agencies (Ministry of Environment, Ministry of Health, role of medical officers of health), compliance/enforcement efforts.

The Machinery of Government for Drinking Water in Ontario. N. d'Ombrain Provincial-Local Relations relating to Drinking Water. A. Sancton

May 31-June 1

Provincial Regulation of Drinking Water Safety II

Regulatory frameworks surrounding agriculture, role of Ministry of Food, Agriculture and Rural Affairs. Role and regulation of laboratories.

Manure Management in Ontario. M. Goss et al.

June 5-6

Public Involvement in Drinking Water Safety

Access to information, disclosure by suppliers and regulators, government transparency in policy and projects.

June 13-15

Drinking Water Providers in Ontario

The sector as it is and as it might be.

Organizational Behaviour Principles for Water Systems. R. Martin, M. Archer, L. Brill Provincial-Local Relations relating to Drinking Water. A. Sancton

June 20-22

Financing of Drinking Water Systems

Financing Water Infrastructure. Strategic Alternatives

July 4-6

Implications of Public and Private Operation for the Safety of Drinking Water