



Update on Environmental, Health, and Safety Guidelines Review Process

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Washington DC

Objectives - Summary



- Address thematic/industry sector gaps
 - Organized cross-cutting issues under the General EHS Guidelines vs. industry specific issues
- Support implementation of new Performance Standards by defining industry good practice
 - More detail on management actions, prevention
 - Mainly related to Environment (PS3) but also supporting certain aspects of OHS (PS2), CHS (PS4), and BNRC (PS6)

Summary of Activities Completed



- Fall 2004
 - Define scope and objectives
- 2005 / 2006
 - Select / contract technical consultants
 - 80+ consultants / US\$1.65MM budget
 - Drafting / Internal review
 - 20+ IFC and 20+ WB environmental specialists
- 2006/2007
 - Continued research and drafting
 - Posting for public comment
- April 30, 2007
 - General EHS Guidelines, 55 Industry Sector Guidelines published on-line
<http://www.ifc.org/ifcext/enviro.nsf/Content/EnvironmentalGuidelines>

Public Comment Period



- Tiered postings (60 days) from August 2006 to February 2007
- 1500+ global contacts
 - Industry associations, private sector companies, private sector banks, ECAs, government regulators, EHS consultants, professional networks, NGOs, academia
 - DFIU, Germany – Independent review against EU BREFs
- Comments
 - Technical
 - Reference sources
 - General approach, detail, language, organization, layout, etc.

Next Steps



- May / June 2007
 - Publication of remaining drafts for public comment
 - Pulp & Paper, Mining, Waste Management Facilities, Water & Sanitation, Thermal Power, LVICs
- On-going
 - Setting up permanent update process with opportunity to provide comments/observations based on implementation