

## **MMEEM Review Group Overview and Comments to date**

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The MMEEM Review Group is comprised of a number of people ( or their alternates ) who were involved in the MMEEM Implementation consultation prior to the promulgation of the MMER's. At that time it was established that there would be a review of the effectiveness of the program approximately three years after the commencement of the program.

We are looking to identify problems, issues and recommendations to improve it. "What's working what's not"

This involves a preliminary review of the data to date, to see where, how and what type of issues are evolving. Currently only half the study designs are in. The second half of biological data submissions are due in early June.

Some of the general areas that are being looked at ( many of which were already identified to be reviewed within the EEM Group during the Implementation consultation ) are most of the areas for which guidance is offered in Schedule of the MMER's:

Confounding Influences  
Sublethal Toxicity  
Public Stakeholder Involvement in EEM\*  
Additional parameters for consideration for monitoring  
Science Issues ..Incorporating new science (mesocosm )  
Fish, Benthos

We are taking a preliminary look what is the data telling us about the above, questions we should be asking. What are the stakeholders finding challenging about the program to date?

**\*What I would like to find out from the environmental community as a whole is:**

- **how much direct involvement there is in EEM monitoring in various communities across the country?**
- **whether the involvement is operational, working with a consultant, or volunteering at the minesite in the actual monitoring of a water body or is it mainly in an advisory capacity at the local or regional level?**

