

The overall charge to the workgroup, as identified by Commissioner Campbell:

- *The workgroup will review the application of the current chromium standards and any revised standards.*

Toward this end, the workgroup will prepare and submit a concise report to the Commissioner outlining the science of the issues identified with recommendations concerning the application of the chromium standards as they apply to chromium processing ore residue sites.

The calendar for report-writing is:

April – July, 2004: Subgroup meetings and discussion

July 6, 2004: Report-writing from subgroups. Consensus on issues reached.

August 6, 2004: All subgroup summaries sent to workgroup chairs for incorporation into main report

September 1, 2004: Draft report sent to academic peer review

November, 2004: Report available to the public

Material that may be considered (this material may be used to validate decisions made by the group):

- Articles that have appeared in peer-reviewed journals whose source of funding is identified
- Studies will be evaluated on a case-by-case basis.
- Government-sponsored or government-issued reports or documents in final form (not draft)
- Final, signed masters or doctoral theses
- Case studies submitted to or prepared by government organizations that have passed a quality assurance review

Material excluded from consideration (the group may read and present this material but may not use it to validate a decision):

- Documents that have not been published or peer-reviewed in some capacity
- Presentations (i.e., Powerpoint presentations of unpublished work)
- Opinion articles
- Newspaper articles or other mainstream media material
- Anecdotal information or accounts

The chair of each subgroup will sum up the findings and recommendations of his/her group for adaptation into the full report. The subgroups are:

1. Analytical Chemistry
2. Chromium Environmental Chemistry
3. Risk Assessment
4. Air and Dust Transport