

Management Response and Action Plan

Evaluation of the Action Plan to Protect Human Health from Environmental Contaminants

Recommendations	Response	Action Plan	Deliverables	Accountability	Resources
<p>Recommendation 1: All Action Plan partners should implement effective financial data tracking and monitoring processes to ensure financial accountability and facilitate future assessments of efficiency and economy, and to enable Health Canada, as the lead for the Action Plan, to develop annual financial summaries.^{iv}</p>	<p>Program management agrees with the recommendation.</p> <p>Being able to demonstrate, in a quantitative manner, program efficiency and economy supports program evaluation and accountability needs as well as management efforts to optimize program resources and deliverables. To facilitate future quantitative assessment of Action Plan efficiency and economy, an effective financial tracking and monitoring process will be implemented across Action Plan partners. HECSB as Office of Primary Interest in coordination of performance information for the Action Plan will collate the data provided from program partners for use in future evaluations.</p>	<p>Action Plan program partners will provide HECSB with their planned program priorities and planned spending before the beginning of the fiscal year, in addition to confirmation that appropriate financial data tracking and monitoring processes have been put in place to track outputs, actual spending and variance.</p> <p>A standardized reporting template, to be shared with partners, will be developed to help ensure consistency of financial data provided, and facilitate linkages to performance data</p> <p>Action Plan program partners will provide HECSB with confirmation of activities and outputs delivered, actual spending and any explanation for variance within 6 months after the end of the fiscal year.</p>	<p>Confirmation of financial data tracking and monitoring processes provided by program partners to HECSB. Expected Completion Date: March 2014</p> <p>Documented planned program priorities and planned spending provided by program partners to HECSB. Expected Completion Date: March 2014 and ongoing annually</p> <p>Activities and outputs which are linked to actual spending, in addition to explanation for any variance provided by program partners to HECSB. Expected Completion Date: October 2014 and ongoing annually</p> <p>Standardized reporting template. Expected Completion Date: March 2014</p>	<p>-DG Safe Environments Directorate, Healthy Environments and Consumer Safety Branch (HECSB) -ADM HECSB -DG Interprofessional Advisory and Program Support, First Nations and Inuit Health Branch (FNIHB) -SADM FNIHB -DG Public Affairs Directorate, Communications and Public Affairs Branch (CPAB) - ADM CPAB - DG Centre for Chronic Disease Prevention, Health Promotion and Chronic Disease Prevention Branch (HPCDP) (PHAC) - ADM HPCDP (PHAC)</p>	<p>This work will be undertaken within existing resources and is not incremental to current resources allocated to planning and reporting.</p>

^{iv} Statistics Canada's component evaluation of the Canadian Health Measures Survey (CHMS) included a recommendation regarding financial tracking which has been addressed through the associated management response and action plan. As a result, Statistics Canada is excluded from Recommendation 1.