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**Oral report by the EPPR Chair concerning the recent EPPR activities**

This year's EPPR Working Group meeting was held already in February in Kiruna, Sweden and the next meeting will be held in April 2002 in Cordoba, Alaska. The outcome of Kiruna meeting was reported in June at the SAO meeting in Rovaniemi. Therefore there is not so much to be added at this stage.

The Circumpolar Map on Resources at Risks for Oil Spills is unfortunately still under preparation. As I mentioned in Rovaniemi US experts are checking the accuracy of the US data submitted to the Norwegian consultant Akva-Plan. First set of revised data has already been sent to Norway and the remaining data will be sent by the end of the year. The final product of the project can be presented at next SAO meeting in May.

The Source control management pilot study at Apatit water works (Kola peninsula) will soon be finalised. Future steps will be discussed at the next meeting.

Finland has conducted a survey or a questionnaire to other Arctic States on most major accidents within Arctic Area - both natural and manmade. The results of this exercise are useful when considering the questing of the widening of the mandate of EPPR.

As was decided in Kiruna, I am in my capacity of the EPPR Chair preparing a shopping list of possible new EPPR projects and activities. I will take into account the discussions in Rovaniemi and here, and ideas brought up at the Capacity building workshop. The issue will be discussed at the next meeting and the results will be reported to the next SAO Meeting and the next Arctic Council ministerial meeting. I hope we can find enough interest to carry out new projects and lead countries for them.

Mr. Chairman this was my short status report.