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## CNHHE NEWS



Greetings of the season! We hope for the best of health and peace for you and your families.

Before all of us put thoughts of environmental health aside to focus completely on our nearest and dearest, we would like to draw your attention to some great resources that we hope will be useful to you in your work in 2015.

Please note that there is one **Public Comment Period** open under the CMP, for the management of **cobalt** –containing substances. Do you have expertise in this substance or would you like to learn about it? Please let us know as soon as possible so that we can organize a comment –generating webinar.

Our recent webinar about **Monitoring and Surveillance** under the CMP held in partnership with CMP staff at Health Canada was attended by 26 of the 29 people registered, including one group of people. You can find the presentations [here](#). Notes will be uploaded shortly.

**Save the Date! On January 27, at 1:00 PM EST** we will be collaborating with the David Suzuki Foundation to hold a webinar on Environmental Bills of Rights.

All the best to you and yours from Liz and Jane

### Latest News from the CMP:

#### **Cobalt-Containing Substance Grouping**

A draft screening assessment and proposed risk management scope document for cobalt and cobalt-containing substances were published for a 60-day public comment period (**ending on February 4, 2015**).

<http://chemicalsubstanceschimiques.gc.ca/group/cobalt-eng.php>

#### **Approach for identification of chemicals and polymers as risk assessment priorities under Part 5 of the *Canadian Environmental Protection Act, 1999* (CEPA 1999)**

The Approach for identification of chemicals and polymers as risk assessment priorities under Part 5 of the *Canadian Environmental Protection Act, 1999* (CEPA 1999) was published.

<http://chemicalsubstanceschimiques.gc.ca/plan/approach-approche/chem-pol-priori-eng.php>

## Articles and Resources of Interest:

**Health Canada Fact Sheets** on various aspects of environmental health translated into 7 languages: Simplified and Traditional Chinese, Inuktitut, Italian, Portuguese Punjabi, Spanish:

- [Chemicals and Children's Health](#)
- [Chemicals and Your Health](#)
- [Chemicals and Our Environment](#)
- [Monitoring and Research Under the Chemicals Management Plan](#)

## From the Canadian Environmental Network

- Canadian Environmental Sustainability Indicators – Environment Canada announces update to existing indicators on the [Canadian Environmental Sustainability Indicators \(CESI\) website](#)
- [NAFTA's Commission On Environmental Cooperation 'Dying A Slow Death': Ex-Director](#)

**Children's National Health System:** a website with all kinds of useful resources the impact of environmental factors on children's health.

## "Video resources for health professionals"

<http://childrensnational.org/healthcare-providers/tools-for-your-practice/midatlantic-center-for-childrens-health-and-the-environment/video-resources>

Here is a sampling of what's available on this site:

### **An Introduction to Children's Health and the Environment:**

Watch the presentation:

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Mwh\\_YuclMPg&feature=youtu.be](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Mwh_YuclMPg&feature=youtu.be)

Presented by Dr. Jerome Paulson, MD, FAAP

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### **An Introduction to Environmental Health**

Watch the Presentation | Slides: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yjgdFRI577g>

Presented by Kevin Osterhoudt, MD, MS, FAAP, FAACT, FACMT

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### **Potential health impacts of fracking:**

Watch the presentation: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dQaYE3-Yi-U>

Presented by Dr. Jerome Paulson, MD, FAAP

July 2013

### **Pittsburgh presentation - Health Impacts of Natural Gas Extraction**

Watch the presentation:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2WCTxBDV98g&feature=youtu.be>

Presented by Dr. Jerome Paulson: MD, FAAP

May 2014

**Quick links from the Public Health Agency of Canada on Antibiotic resistance** (sometimes referred to as **antimicrobial resistance**) - a growing problem in Canada and the world.

- Learn [about antibiotic resistance](#) -- what it is and how it happens.
- Antibiotic resistance occurs in many types of [illnesses and bacteria](#). Learn which types have been most affected.
- Find out what you can do to [protect yourself and your family](#). Learn about the role that healthcare professionals play.
- Antibiotic resistance puts our health at risk and strains our healthcare system. Find out [who is affected](#) the most.
- Find information on how antibiotic use and resistance are [researched and monitored](#) in Canada.
- Download these [resources](#) to raise awareness on antibiotic resistance.