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CNHHE NEWS

Happy New Year!

Hopefully we are all re-energized to make a positive contribution to Environmental Health in 2015.

Substances that have been in the news a lot of late are the **bisphenols**. (See article below) If you would like us to hold an educational and action-generating **webinar** on these substances, **please let us know**. The action could take the form of a sign-on letter or an e-mailing campaign. You can also sign on [here](#) to a **petition initiated by Environmental Defence** to get Ontario to require the disclosure on product labels of toxic substances such as BPA.

An important way to improve environmental health is by writing the Right to a healthy environment into our laws. On Tuesday, January 27th, 28 people participated in the **David Suzuki Foundation and CNHHE's** joint teleconference/webinar **on environmental rights legislation**. Presentations were made by the DSF's David Boyd, Alaya Boisvert, and Lisa Gue, Bonnie Hamilton Bogart of New Brunswick's Children's Environmental Health Collaborative, and Mike McKinley of Kent County' NB's environmental group, "Our Environment, Our Choice". You can get involved through the DSF [here](#), and through the NBCEH collaborative [here](#).

There will be many opportunities coming up for public input into decisions about substances being vetted by the CMP in the next few months. Please check out page 13 of the **third CMP Progress Report** below to see what substances they are. We will keep you apprised of Public Comment Periods (PCP's) that are open.

In the meantime, the **PCPs** on the draft Screening Assessment and proposed Risk Management Scope for **Cobalt and Cobalt-Containing Substances** are open until **February 4th**, and the Draft Screening Assessment of some **priority B microorganisms** is open for **public comment** until **March 18**.

Upcoming Event:

[International Symposium on Alternatives Assessment](#) – March 5-6, 2015

Recent Events:

Prenatal Environmental Health Education (PEHE) Forum – November 20-21, 2014
University of Ottawa – [Final Report](#)

In October, the CNHHE was pleased to be able to send two delegates to attend the Chemicals Management Plan Stakeholder Consultation Workshop in Ottawa. The following are their reports:

Chemicals Management Plan Stakeholder Workshop – Oct 29, 2014

Comments by Anna Tilman, Independent Environmental Consultant

http://nblung.ca/cnhhe_wp/en/files/2014/12/Comments-on-CMP-Stakeholder-Workshop-Nov-25-AT.pdf

Report on Chemicals Management Plan Stakeholder Meeting in Ottawa, October 29, 2014

Submitted by Sheila Cole, Advisor to Board, Nova Scotia Environmental Network

http://nblung.ca/cnhhe_wp/en/files/2014/12/CMP-Stakeholder-Oct-29.pdf

Latest News from the CMP:

Polymer Approach

The Approach under the Canadian Environmental Protection Act, 1999 to address polymers on the Domestic Substances List that were identified as priorities during categorization was published.

<http://www.chemicalsubstanceschimiques.gc.ca/plan/approach-proche/polymer-eng.php>

Chemicals Management Plan Progress Report

The third issue of the Chemicals Management Plan Progress Report was published.

http://www.chemicalsubstanceschimiques.gc.ca/plan/progress_report-rapport_etape-eng.php

Pigments of the Aromatic Azo and Benzidine-based Substance Grouping

An order amending the *Domestic Substances List* to rescind the Significant New Activity provisions on CPAOBP (CAS RN 78952-70-2) was published.

http://chemicalsubstanceschimiques.gc.ca/group/azo_benzidine/pigments-eng.php

New Substances Program

The New Substances program has published six new risk assessment summaries for chemicals and polymers.

<http://www.ec.gc.ca/subnouvelles-newsups/default.asp?lang=En&n=173AEA25-1>

Domestic Substances List Inventory Update

The non-confidential summary of information received from the second phase of the *Domestic Substances List* Inventory Update is now available.

<http://www.chemicalsubstanceschimiques.gc.ca/plan/approach-proche/dsl-lis-eng.php>

Micro-organisms - Priority A

The final screening assessment for *Pseudomonas stutzeri* ATCC 17587 (Priority A micro-organism) was published.

<http://www.chemicalsubstanceschimiques.gc.ca/micro/priorita-eng.php>

Micro-organisms - Priority B

The draft screening assessment for *Paenibacillus polymyxa* strains ATCC 842, ATCC 55407 and 13540-4 (Priority B micro-organisms) was published for a **60-day public comment period ending on March 18, 2015**.

<http://www.chemicalsubstanceschimiques.gc.ca/micro/prioritb-eng.php>

Significant New Activity Orders and Notices

Environment Canada and Health Canada have initiated a review of Significant New Activity (SNAc) Orders and Notices currently in place under the *Canadian Environmental Protection Act, 1999* (CEPA 1999).

<http://chemicalsubstanceschimiques.gc.ca/plan/approach-approche/snac-nac/index-eng.php>

Articles of Interest:

BPA and BPS both lead to hyperactivity in zebrafish, study finds – Bisphenol S commonly found in 'BPA-free' consumer products

<http://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/calgary/bpa-and-bps-both-lead-to-hyperactivity-in-zebrafish-study-finds-1.2898738>

Environmental Defence - Petition - [Ask the province for the mandatory disclosure of toxic chemicals](#)

Banning Styrofoam, Managing our Waste, and Promoting Sustainability – by Steven Cohen, Executive Director, Columbia University's Earth Institute in the Huffington Post, January 13, 2015.

http://www.huffingtonpost.com/steven-cohen/banning-styrofoam-managing_b_6455208.html?utm_source=twitter&utm_medium=post&utm_term=styrofoam,nyc&utm_campaign=greenpeace&_surl=_lqeXa&_ots_=1421175718365&_step_=1

National Collaborating Centre for Environmental Health – eNews January 2015

Case study: Neonicotinoids - from Public Health Ontario

http://www.publichealthontario.ca/en/eRepository/Case_Study_Neonicotinoids_2015.pdf

Trash is for Tossers: Zero Waste Alternatives: The Ultimate List

This has great information for alternatives to plastics!

<http://www.trashisfortossers.com/2013/08/zero-waste-alternatives-ultimate-list.html>