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## CNHHE NEWS

**EduTOX Video Challenge:** The EduTOX Video Challenge has just been launched! ([www.edutox.ca](http://www.edutox.ca)) It is about giving young people (14-22) a platform to promote awareness and action on toxins - and a chance to be nationally recognized for their leadership. The EduTOX team is looking for creative and compelling short videos that will get people thinking about and taking action on the toxins that we all encounter in our day-to-day lives. There are generous prizes of scholarships and merchandise for the top 6 videos. **Please spread the word to the young people that you know!**

**From Julie Gelfand, Commissioner of the Environment and of Sustainable Development, Office of the Auditor General of Canada:**

[2015 Fall Report](#)

In addition, the Report contains: [The Commissioner's Perspective](#)

The report is also available on the [Office of the Auditor General of Canada](#) web site.

### Latest news from the CMP:

#### Mandatory Survey

A notice (mandatory survey) under section 71 of the *Canadian Environmental Protection Act, 1999* with respect to hydrofluorocarbons was published.

<http://www.chemicalsubstanceschimiques.gc.ca/plan/resources/s71-eng.php>

#### Video of Interest:

#### Little Things Matter: The Impact of Toxins on the Developing Brain

See the video here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=E6KoMAbz1Bw&feature=youtu.be>

#### From Health Canada:

#### Consultation for the biomonitoring component of the Canadian Health Measures Survey

Health Canada is currently developing scientific content for the biomonitoring component of future cycles of the Canadian Health Measures Survey (CHMS). As a part of this process, we invite you to participate in an electronic consultation (e-consultation) to provide input on which chemicals to include.

The CHMS is an ongoing biennial national health survey that collects data on the general health and lifestyles of Canadians to provide information on chronic and infectious disease, physical fitness, nutrition, and other factors that influence health. In the biomonitoring component of the CHMS, concentrations of about 90 chemicals are measured in blood and urine samples collected from the survey participants. The attached documents provide background information on both the CHMS and the consultation process.

To participate in this e-consultation please click the web link below. Please keep the attached PDF document titled "CHMS chemicals" on hand while completing the questionnaire.

[http://surveys-sondages.hc-sc.gc.ca/s/CHMSinput\\_contributionECMS/langeng/](http://surveys-sondages.hc-sc.gc.ca/s/CHMSinput_contributionECMS/langeng/)

### **From CoPEH-Canada:**

[EcoHealth in Action Webalogue series](#). An initiative of CoPEH-Canada's Western Node, the Webalogue series explores topical, current and complex issues emerging at the nexus of population health, ecosystem and society. Visit the website [here](#) to find out about upcoming webalogues and to suggest potential topics and speakers.

### **From Équiterre: (in French)**

**Pourquoi la Conférence de Paris a-t-elle été qualifiée de succès?** Find out why the accord adopted by the 21st United Nations conference on Climate Change can be counted as an historic success. [Read the rest](#)

### **From the National Collaborating Centre for Environmental Health (NCCEH)**

#### **Recent Publications:**

- [Childhood Exposure to Ambient Air Pollutants and the Onset of Asthma: An Administrative Cohort Study in Québec](#)
- [Pesticides and Human Health, Part 1: Systematic Review](#)
- [Pesticides and Human Health, Part 2: PEI Health and Pesticide Use](#)