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CNHHE NEWS

Upcoming Events and Opportunities:

Reminder:

The CMP and CNHHE's webinar and teleconference on the chemical substances Risk Assessment Process will be held on June 4th from 1:00 – 2:30 pm EDT. This is in response to the majority of questions raised at the CMP 101 webinar in February. E-mail the CNHHE to register

Save the Date!

The CNHHE will host a free webinar on **phthalates on June 17th @ 2:00 pm EDT**. Further details regarding the date and time will be posted on the website, Facebook and Twitter, and sent to you via email.

The Canadian Council of Ministers of the Environment (CCME) is holding a **webinar** to provide an update on the implementation of the **Air Quality Management System (AQMS)**. The webinar will include information on elements of the system including mobile sources, Canadian Ambient Air Quality Standards (CAAQS) and Base Level Industrial Emissions Requirements (BLIERs). **June 19, 2014, 1:00 to 2:30 PM Eastern Daylight Time**
To register for the webinar visit https://onecast.thinkpragmatic.com/ses/XFs-GoHoTc6p0_TgevyRFQ~~.

For the webinar agenda, see

http://www.ccme.ca/assets/pdf/2014_06_19_aqms_webinar_agenda.pdf?r=0.9467221978150577.

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Latest News from the CMP:

Dyes of the Aromatic Azo and Benzidine-based Substance Grouping. The draft screening assessment for Azo Metal Complexes and other Azo Substances was published for a **60-day public comment period. (May 17, 2014 – July 16, 2014)**

http://www.chemicalsubstanceschimiques.gc.ca/group/azo_benzidine/dyes-colorants-eng.php

A Substances Management Advisory Note was published.

<http://www.ec.gc.ca/subsnouvelles-news/subs/default.asp?lang=En&n=E5F97D29-1>

Hydrofluorocarbons – Mandatory survey

A Notice (mandatory survey) under section 71 of the Canadian Environmental Protection Act, 1999 with respect to hydrofluorocarbons was published. <http://canadagazette.gc.ca/rp-pr/p1/2014/2014-04-19/html/notice-avis-eng.php#env1> - See more at:

http://nblung.ca/cnhhe_wp/en/#sthash.gsjSu4M1.dpuf

Stakeholder Advisory Council

The Chemicals Management Plan Stakeholder Advisory Council Summary Report for the November 2013 meeting has been published.

<http://www.chemicalsubstanceschimiques.gc.ca/plan/council-conseil/summary-sommaire/2013-2016/20131121-eng.php>

The New Substances Program has published one new risk assessment summary (biotechnology).

<http://www.ec.gc.ca/subsnouvelles-news/subs/default.asp?lang=En&n=AB5D353D-1>

Articles/Information of Interest:

Review of 10 Alternative Flame Retardants – CNHHE Member Glenys Webster PhD, of Simon Fraser University and Director of the Chemicals, Health and Pregnancy (CHirP) study and Robin Dobson ScD of Research Scientist, Silent Spring Institute, MA, USA have written a review of the current literature and gaps in knowledge of 10 alternative flame retardants being assessed by the Chemicals Management Plan. (CMP). They have sent it on the CNHHE's behalf to the Risk Management Bureau of Health Canada under the CMP. You can read the review [here](#). They will be submitting comments to the CMP when the public Comment Period for a draft Risk Assessment document for these chemicals is announced in early 2015. We will hold a teleconference/webinar about the substances at that time.

Neonicotinoid pesticides have been in the news again lately:

<http://www.bulletinofinsectology.org/pdfarticles/vol67-2014-125-130lu.pdf>

The Environmental Working Group's (EWG) **2014 Guide to Safer Sunscreens** can be found [here](#)

