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CNHHE NEWS

Upcoming Webinars:

Conference on “neonic” pesticides with two experts. **Equiterre**, in collaboration with the **David Suzuki Foundation**, will host a conference presenting the most important literature review on the impacts of neonicotinoid pesticide.

The conference will also be accessible via webcast on **May 29th only** at:

<http://mdd1.adobeconnect.com/conferenceneonics/> You can find more information [here](#).

The CNHHE will be holding a webinar on June 3rd at 12:00 EDT to collaborate on comments about the proposed **exemptions to the prohibition** of several flame retardants, foaming agents, and non-stick coatings (**HBCD, PBDE, PFOA's LC-PFCA's, and PFOS**). Please spread the word and e-mail us as soon as possible if you would like to participate. The public comment period ends on June 18th.

CMP Risk Management Webinar with a case study on BPA: June 25th, 1:00 PM EDT

On Thursday, June 25 at 1:00 PM EDT, Health Canada, Environment Canada, and the Canadian Network for Human Health and the Environment (CNHHE) are collaborating again to present a 90 minute webinar on Risk Management under the Chemicals Management Plan (CMP) with a case study on BPA. Once again, this session is intended for a wide range of health and environment stakeholders, including, but not limited to NGOs, researchers, health workers, and Aboriginal groups. The session will include the opportunity to discuss this subject with CMP staff. Please reply by Tuesday, June 23rd, if you are interested in participating, along with your language preference for materials (English/French).

Recent CMP Event:

The CMP Multi-Stakeholder Workshop: “Moving Forward on the Chemicals Management Plan (CMP)” was held in Ottawa on May 6, 2015. Dorothy Wigmore, an occupational health and green chemistry specialist, and Meg Sears, with Prevent Cancer Now, attended the workshop, representing the CNHHE. Their reports will be shared in an upcoming webinar.

Latest News from the CMP:

Your Participation is Important!

Here is an example of the Government of Canada's Response to Public Comments on the Risk Management Approach of Long-Chain (C9-C20) Perfluorocarboxylic Acids (LC-PFCAs), their Salts, and their Precursors and Perfluorooctanoic Acid (PFOA) Its Salts, and Its Precursors. <http://www.ec.gc.ca/toxiques-toxics/default.asp?lang=En&n=B3D344F8-1>

Publication of Proposed Code of Practice for DEGME

A consultation document on the Proposed Code of Practice for the Recommended Concentration of 2-(2-methoxyethoxy) ethanol (DEGME) in Surface Coating Materials available to Consumers in Canada has been published for a **60-day public comment period ending on July 8, 2015.**

<http://www.chemicalsubstanceschimiques.gc.ca/challenge-defi/batch-lot-3/risk-risque-eng.php>

Micro-organisms - Priority B

The draft screening assessments for *Candida utilis* strain ATCC 9950 and *Pseudomonas species* strain ATCC 13867 (Priority B micro-organisms) were published for 60-day public comment periods. **(ending July 22nd)**

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

Chemicals Management Plan Science Committee

The Meeting Record and Committee Report from the November 2014 meeting of the Chemicals Management Plan Science Committee are now available.

<http://www.chemicalsubstanceschimiques.gc.ca/plan/sc-cs/meet-reunions-eng.php>

Videos of interest:

A series of five short videos, developed in partnership between Canadian Mortgage and Housing Corporation (CMHC) and Health Canada, provides First Nations communities with basic information on mould in the home, how to identify it, clean small areas and prevent future growth. http://cmhc.ca/en/ab/bumaho/bumaho_011.cfm

Recent Webinars:

Government of Canada [Webinar](#): **Strategic Approach to International Chemicals Management (SAICM)** April 22, 2015

Environment Canada [Webinar](#) – **Proposed Regulations Amending the Prohibition of Certain Toxic Substances Regulations, 2012 (Proposed Amendments)** – April 23, 2015