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CNHHE NEWS

There have been some exciting things happening in the world of environmental health!

Kudos to the **Canadian Environmental Law Association (CELA)** and **Clean Production Action (CPA)** for initiating a sign-on statement to call on the Canadian Government to prohibit **Triclosan** in all products. Fifty- six environmental and health groups signed on. You can read the statement [here](#).

Ontario has responded to pressure to protect pollinators and agreed to reduce the acreage planted with **neonicotinoid**-treated seeds by 80% within two years. Help keep the momentum going by demanding action through the **David Suzuki Foundation**:
<http://action2.davidsuzuki.org/neonics>

Please spread the word about our upcoming **webinar with CMP staff on December 9th** about **Monitoring and Surveillance of toxins** in our environment and in humans See below under Upcoming Events.

Remember that in addition to sending direct messages to our more than 379 CNHHE member groups and individuals, we post news and information on our website: www.cnhhe-rcshe.ca , (480 views in November) our Twitter account: @CNHHE_RCSHE, (539 followers) and our Facebook site: www.facebook.com/cnhhe (261"Likes") **If you have information to publicize, please let us know!**

Upcoming Events:

Webinar on Monitoring and Surveillance under the CMP:

How does the Government of Canada survey and monitor the levels of chemical substances in Canadians? There will be a 90 minute webinar on **Tuesday, December 9th from 1:00-2:30 PM Eastern Time** to provide an overview of monitoring and surveillance projects under the Chemicals Management Plan (CMP) and an opportunity to discuss this subject with CMP staff.

To register, please e-mail us at cnhhe-rcshe@nb.lung.ca by **Friday, December 5th** along with your language preference for materials (English/French).

Recent Events:

Prenatal Environmental Health Education (PEHE) Forum November 20-21st: Several CNHHE members attended this forum that gathered prenatal health practitioners, researchers, educators, policy makers and environmental health experts from across Canada and the U.S. to share their knowledge and experience about prenatal environmental health issues and educational opportunities with the goal of eventually improving prenatal environmental health education in Canada. You can learn more at <http://pehe-forum.com/>

The CMP Multi-Stakeholder Workshop, “Stakeholder Engagement and Public Outreach” was held in Ottawa on October 29, 2014. Anna Tilman, an independent environmental service provider, and Sheila Cole, from the Nova Scotia Environmental Network, attended the workshop, representing the CNHHE. They reported back at the **CNHHE Environmental Health Teleconference** on November 26, 2014, which was attended by 13 members. Reports will be posted on the CNHHE website.

A Government of Canada [Webinar: What's Next for the Chemicals Management Plan \(CMP\)?](#) was presented by Health Canada and Environmental Canada on October 22, 2014. The purpose of the webinar was to provide stakeholders with an update on future directions for the CMP, and to seek views on some themes and considerations for the next phase of the CMP.

Latest News from the CMP:

Dyes of the Aromatic Azo and Benzidine-based Substance Grouping

The final screening assessment for 42 Benzidine-based Dyes and Related Substances was published.

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

Micro-organisms Priority A

A draft screening assessment for *Escherichia hermannii* ATCC 700368 (Priority A micro-organism) was published for a 60-day public comment period **ending on January 28, 2015**.

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

Micro-organisms Priority A and Priority B

A draft screening assessment for the *Domestic Substances List Bacillus licheniformis/ subtilis* (Priority A and Priority B micro-organisms) group was published for a 60-day public comment period **ending on January 28, 2015**.

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

Domestic Substances List Inventory Update

A list of substances for which no information was reported under Phase 2 of the *Domestic Substances List* Inventory Update (DSL IU) is available.

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

Products Containing Mercury Regulations

The *Products Containing Mercury Regulations* have been published.

<http://chemicalsubstanceschimiques.gc.ca/plan/approach-approche/mercury-mercure-eng.php>

Articles of Interest:

The Canadian Environmental Law Association (CELA) and Clean Production Action (CPA) recommendations to phase out triclosan and triclocarban - in the report, *Chemicals in Consumer Products are Draining Trouble into the Great Lakes Ecosystem: GreenScreen® Assessment Shows Triclosan and Triclocarban Should Be Avoided* (<http://www.cela.ca/sites/cela.ca/files/TC-TCC-CELA-997.pdf>) along with two GreenScreen reports:

[Triclosan \(CAS# 3380-34-5\) GreenScreen® for Safer Chemicals Assessment \(see: http://www.cela.ca/sites/cela.ca/files/3380-34-5-TriclosanGreenScreen.pdf\)](http://www.cela.ca/sites/cela.ca/files/3380-34-5-TriclosanGreenScreen.pdf)

[Triclocarban \(CAS# 101-20-2\) GreenScreen® for Safer Chemicals Assessment \(see: http://www.cela.ca/sites/cela.ca/files/101-20-2-Triclocarban-GreenScreen.pdf\)](http://www.cela.ca/sites/cela.ca/files/101-20-2-Triclocarban-GreenScreen.pdf)

The Child and Youth Advocate for NB released the 2014 State of the Child report on November 18. The report's focus is on children's rights.

- Full report (8 Mb PDF file)
<http://www.gnb.ca/0073/Child-YouthAdvocate/PDF/StateoftheChild2014-e.pdf>

Impact of Toxins on the Developing Brain:

Video with Dr. Bruce Lanphear: Little Things Matter: Impact of Toxins on the Developing Brain (7 minutes) <http://youtu.be/E6KoMAbz1Bw>

The following **article** about the video appeared in the Toronto Star on Sunday, November 23, 2014 in the Opinion Section. It was written by Dr. Bruce Lanphear; Barbara McElgunn, LDAC Health Policy Advisor; Eric Crighton, Co-Chair of the Environment Working Group of the Sandbox Project and Erica Phipps, Executive Director, Canadian Partnership for Children's Health and Environment.

http://www.thestar.com/opinion/commentary/2014/11/22/common_toxins_make_big_difference_in_brain_development.html

Article in the Globe and Mail about Rare Cancers Found in PEI:

Pesticides are What is Killing our Kids by Martin Mittelstaedt:

<http://m.theglobeandmail.com/news/national/pesticides-are-what-is-killing-our-kids/article18179217/?service=mobile>