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CNHHE NEWS

The CNHHE is pleased to send two delegates, Sheila Cole, Nova Scotia Environmental Network, and Anna Tilman, an independent environmental service provider, to the face-to-face workshop being presented by the CMP on October 29, 2014. The purpose of the workshop is to provide updates, share information and seek stakeholder input on the future of the CMP.

Two CNHHE members, one of whom was commissioned to do so by the CNHHE, sent in comments on methylenediphenyl diisocyanates (MDI) during the Public Comment Period (PCP).

We have had only one individual express interest in Liquefied Petroleum Gases and Gas Condensates, to which Canadians who live near refineries or propane filling stations can be exposed. Please let us know if you are interested in attending or know of an upcoming webinar about these air contaminants. The Draft Risk Management scope for these contaminants are open for public comment. (Please see below under CMP News).

Upcoming Opportunities and Events:

The Canadian Council of Ministers of the Environment (CCME's) Air Management Committee (AMC) is looking for five (5) members from Aboriginal or non-governmental health or environmental organizations to participate with an equal number of industry representatives in a group that will provide advice on the development and review of Canadian Ambient Air Quality Standards (CAAQS). Nominations will be accepted until November 4, 2014 at 12:00 noon CDT. Please click on the following link for details:

http://www.ccme.ca/en/whats_new/article.html?id=17

The Public Health Agency of Canada invites you to celebrate National Child Day and the 25th Anniversary of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Child on November 20, 2014! The Agency's National Child Day website (www.childday.gc.ca) provides children and youth, parents and caregivers, educators and others in the community with interactive activities and resources to help celebrate National Child Day.

Latest News from the CMP:

Diarylide Yellow Pigments

These five substances are man-made chemicals. They are coloring agents used in ink and toners to create images. They are also used in paints and coatings, food packaging, plastics and rubber materials. They are also used in cosmetics such as hair dye and lipstick.

The final screening assessment for Diarylide Yellow Pigments of the Aromatic Azo and Benzidine-based Substance Grouping was published.

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

Liquefied Petroleum Gases (Stream 4 petroleum and refinery gases)

These are used as an industrial feedstock, cooking or heating fuel, transportation fuel, and as a propellant in aerosol products. A draft screening assessment and a proposed risk management scope document for Liquefied Petroleum Gases (Stream 4 petroleum and refinery gases) were published for a 60-day public comment period. **(October 11 – December 10, 2014)**

<http://www.chemicalsubstanceschimiques.gc.ca/petrole/group-4/index-eng.php>

Natural Gas Condensates

Natural Gas Condensates are used to dilute heavy crude oil or bitumen, as industrial feedstocks, or as blending constituents in the production of gasoline. They are also a fluid component in oil and gas drilling operations. A draft screening assessment and a proposed risk management scope document for Natural Gas Condensates were published for a 60-day public comment period. **(October 11 – December 10, 2014)**

<http://www.chemicalsubstanceschimiques.gc.ca/petrole/group-4/index-eng.php>

Dyes of the Aromatic Azo and Benzidine-based Substance Grouping

A draft screening assessment for 52 Azo Acid Dyes was published for a 60-day public comment period. **(October 25 – December 24, 2014)**

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

Articles of Interest:

From the British Journal of Nutrition (Br. J Nutr. 2014 – PubMed – NCBI): Higher antioxidant and lower cadmium concentrations and lower incidence of pesticide residues in organically grown crops: a systematic literature review and meta-analyses.

<http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/24968103>

From the Healthy Building Network “[The Dirt on Antimicrobials](#),” an article by Bill Walsh, October 15, 2014.