

## RCEN E-Bulletin – November 5, 2008 Edition

### Network News

Jim Prentice Appointed New Environment Minister

The RCEN would like to congratulate the [Honourable Jim Prentice](#), who this week was named Minister of the Environment after the cabinet shuffle that followed the October 14<sup>th</sup> election. The RCEN looks forward to meeting with Minister Prentice in the near future and wishes him success with this important portfolio.

AGA 2008: Presentations and Photos

[Click here](#) to access presentations from the wonderful workshops that took place at the AGA. For your viewing pleasure, we've also posted photos from the event!

\* Please note that the E-Bulletin will not be published for the next two weeks. The following edition will be sent on November 26<sup>th</sup>, 2008.

### Calls for Delegates

Domestic Substances List (DSL) Inventory Update Workshop

The RCEN has been invited by Environment Canada to select four (4) ENGO delegates to participate at a Domestic Substances List (DSL) Inventory Update Workshop on November 24, 2008 in Ottawa. The proposed approach for a DSL Inventory Update initiative is designed to gather data to inform priorities for risk assessment and management activities and contribute to the Government of Canada's knowledge base of substances on the DSL. This will be a multi-stakeholder workshop, hosted by Environment Canada and Health Canada, with participation by industry and NGOs. The deadline to apply is November 11<sup>th</sup>. [Click here for more information](#).

### Other Calls

Call for Endorsement: SAICM Global Outreach Campaign Common Statement

The Strategic Approach for International Chemicals Management (SAICM) Global Outreach Campaign is currently working to promote SAICM and increase NGO and Civil Society Organization's support for it is through circulation and endorsement of a Common Statement. The Campaign is asking these groups to familiarize themselves with the Common Statement and give their endorsement of it. The Common Statement can be found at: <http://www.ipen.org/campaign/statement.html> (where educational material about SAICM is also posted). The objective is to get 1000 endorsements by the time the next International Conference on Chemicals Management is held in Geneva in May, 2009. Please send all endorsements to [ipen@ipen.org](mailto:ipen@ipen.org).

## Resources

Book: The 21st Century Environmental Revolution

Written by Mark C. Henderson, "The 21st Century Environmental Revolution: A Comprehensive Strategy for Conservation, Global Warming, and the Environment" looks into comprehensive and large-scale strategies for the environment. The author argues that such approaches are our best hope of winning the battle for a green future. The book makes the case that simple economic policy changes could result in huge gains for the green agenda and perhaps turn things around for the environment. Working from a number of political and economic principles, he develops a large-scale strategy which could address most environmental problems at very little expense. For more information about the book, please visit <http://wavesofthefuture.net/>.

## Events

JPAC - North American Workshop on Environmental Sustainability and Competitiveness

The Joint Public Advisory Committee of the Commission for Environmental Cooperation (CEC) will host its Workshop on Environmental Sustainability and Competitiveness on December 2-3 in Puerto Vallarta, Mexico. This day-and-a-half workshop will identify areas of opportunity and priority for simultaneously enhancing environmental sustainability and competitiveness in the region. The event will include panel discussions with some of North America's top experts to consider the following topics: drivers and barriers to improvements in environmental performance, drivers and barriers to environmental innovation, how corporate improvements in environmental performance influence business competitiveness, and how mutual supportiveness between environmental performance and competitiveness can be promoted. Registration to all events is free-of-charge. More information about the workshop, including a registration form and agenda, is available at: [www.cec.org](http://www.cec.org).

## Employment

Water Matters - Associate Director

Water Matters Society of Alberta, a new charitable organization focused on the protection of watersheds in Alberta, is looking for someone who will join them in promoting strong water policy and practices for the protection of Alberta's watersheds. This team member will conceive and manage projects or campaigns from the grant application to the final deliverables within budget. As 'second in command' for the organization, the Associate Director will represent Water Matters to the public including government, funders, and the media. Finally, this person will co-lead to develop and implement the fund development plan for Water Matters. For the complete job description, please visit <http://www.water-matters.org/docs/job-associate-director.pdf>. The start date for the position is December 2008/ January 2009.