

RCEN E-Bulletin – July 9, 2008 Edition

Network News

The G8 and Climate Change

Today marks the end of the G8 Summit in Japan, where expectations were high for developed countries to show leadership on climate change. The Canadian government praised an agreement to reduce global greenhouse gas emissions by 50% by 2050 as “[substantial progress](#)”, while several Canadian environmental groups, through the Climate Action Network, issued a [news release](#) calling the official G8 Climate Communiqué a “failure of leadership”.

For now, it seems like concrete global action by developed countries on establishing medium-term targets will take place through UN negotiations over the next two years. To learn more about the importance of the G8 in regards to climate change, read this detailed [backgrounder](#) from the Pembina Institute.

Calls for Delegates

Environmental Assessment Working Group (EAWG) on Substances in Products Regulated under the Foods and Drugs Act: *Natural Health Products Subcommittee*

The EAWG is in the process of establishing a new Subcommittee on Natural Health Products and has invited the RCEN to select three ENGO nominees. It is anticipated that members of the Natural Health Products Sub-Committee will meet quarterly for one to two years. The EAWG is a multi-stakeholder working group that provides advice to Health Canada and Environment Canada regarding the development of appropriate regulations for the assessment of new substances contained in products regulated under the Food & Drugs Act. **The deadline for applications is July 23, 2008. [Read the full Call for Delegates...](#)**

Other Calls

Call for Comments - Public Consultation on the Requirement for Comprehensive Studies of Municipal Drinking Water Projects

The Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency has launched a 45-day consultation on a proposal to remove groundwater extraction projects for municipal/community drinking water from the *Comprehensive Study List Regulations* (CSLR). The outcome of this amendment would result in municipal/community drinking water projects no longer requiring a comprehensive study and rather being subject to a screening type environmental assessment. The Agency invites interested parties to review and provide comments **by July 28, 2008. For more information or to provide comments, please visit [ceaa-acee.gc.ca](#).**

Request for Proposals - National Orphaned/Abandoned Mines Initiative (NOAMI)

The Community Involvement Task Group of the NOAMI is currently inviting proposals for a Community-based Pilot Project: “*Building the Capacity of Local Communities to Understand Abandoned Mines*”. **A copy of the Request for Proposals can be viewed [here](#).** For consideration, an electronic copy of the proposal must be submitted to Charlene Hogan, Task Group Secretariat at chogan@NRCan.gc.ca. Please note that the closing date for submitting

proposals is August 11, 2008 at 2pm, EDT. **Please visit the NOAMI website at www.abandoned-mines.org for additional information.**

Action Alerts

Sign on to ENGO Response to proposed changes in Navigable Waters Protection Act

In response to proposed changes in the Navigable Waters Protection Act, the Steering Committee of the RCEN Water, Fisheries and Oceans Caucus has drafted an ENGO response for your review and sign-on. If your organization would like to sign on to this statement, please email leela@cen-rce.org with your organization's name **by Friday, July 11, 2008**. The letter will be submitted to Transport Canada next week. **Click here to read the ENGO response.**

Announcements

Sign Up to the CSD Canada Listserve

Following this year's Sixteenth Session of the United Nations Commission on Sustainable Development (CSD), one of the selected RCEN delegates attending the event took the initiative of creating a listserv group to provide a forum for discussion among all individuals interested in Canada's role at the CSD. In particular, this listserv enables Canadians active in the CSD process to connect, share resources, and identify opportunities for the Canadian Government to move forward at the CSD. During the CSD, members can also use the listserv to connect in person at the UN and to seek input from Canadians back home on pressing issues as they emerge. **To subscribe to the listserv, please send an email to: csdcanada-subscribe@groups.takingitglobal.org.**

Events

Beat Global Heat Local Concerts Across Canada

On Saturday, July 26th, *Beat Global Heat*, a series of small scale concerts independently organized by citizens across Canada will be held to inspire people to become actively involved in solutions to climate change through fun events. By uniting neighbours and friends across Canada together in backyards and other outdoor spaces to listen to live music, *Beat Global Heat* will connect with people of like-mind and help them express their support for action on climate change. **For more information, or to get involved as a host, performer or attendee, please visit www.beatglobalheat.org or [click here](#) to visit the Facebook group.**

Employment

Canadian Environmental Network (RCEN) – Office and Events Administrator

The RCEN is currently seeking an Office and Events Administrator to work from our office in Ottawa, ON. Starting in early August, the Administrator will assist in performing multiple duties related to the administration of the RCEN office, will organize the logistics for the Annual General Assembly (AGA) and will assist the Executive Director. Candidates should have excellent verbal and written skills in French and English, a university or college diploma and prior experience in office administration and event coordination. **The deadline for applications is July 21, 2008. For more information, please [visit the RCEN's employment webpage](#).**

Greenpeace Canada - Media and Public Relations Officer & Volunteer Organizer

Greenpeace is currently seeking candidates to fill two positions: Media and Public Relations Officer in Toronto; and Volunteer Organizer in Vancouver. The Media and Public Relations Officer will work to refine and implement communications strategies and provide ongoing media support. Candidates need to be able to respond to news, need to know how to make it and should have at least 3 years of relevant experience. **The deadline for applications is August 15, 2008.**

The Volunteer Organizer will help execute Greenpeace's volunteer program and assist in the development of the expanding program. Candidates will be responsible for the recruitment and management of a local volunteer group, will ensure coordination and integration of its activities, and share the production of orientation packages and other information materials. **The deadline for applications is July 23, 2008. The read both job postings in full, please visit greenpeace.ca.**

Yale University - Dean of the School of Forestry and Environmental Studies (F&ES)

[Yale's School of F&ES](#) is currently seeking candidates for the Deanship of the School. Candidates for the Deanship should have demonstrated strong capabilities for leadership, as well as a record of scholarship in a suitable area of forestry or environmental studies. Extensive international experience and an international perspective are desirable, as is a record of leadership in multidisciplinary research and in graduate and undergraduate education, and a record of successful funding for research and institutional development. To apply, please send a letter of interest, a complete CV, and a list of three references to: Robert Burger, FES Dean Search Committee, Office of the Provost, Yale University, 1 Hillhouse Ave., P.O. Box 208365, New Haven, CT 06520-8365, USA. Inquiries can be sent to the committee at FES.Dean.Search@Yale.edu. **The deadline for applications is September 15, 2008.**