

RCEN E-Bulletin – June 18, 2008 Edition

Network News

Mining, Tailings Ponds and the Importance of Consultations

This week, the subject of using lakes and rivers as tailings ponds for mining activities became a [hot topic](#) of discussion in Canada. The environmental significance of designating bodies of water as tailings impoundment areas, under Schedule 2 of the Metal Mining Effluent Regulations, stresses the importance of public consultations in any policy process, where ENGOs, industry and government can discuss and hopefully decide together the best course of action. If you or your organization would like to get involved in this consultation process, [please click here to learn more](#).

Please note that the next E-Bulletin will be published on Friday, June 27th. Please send your submissions to bulletin@cen-rce.org by 11 am (ET) on Tuesday the 24th.

Other Calls

Call for Inputs - United Nations Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) Annual Ministerial Review 2008

The UN ECOSOC Annual Ministerial Review (AMR) will be taking place from July 2-3, 2008 in New York. This year the AMR is focusing on 'implementing the internationally agreed goals on sustainable development'. Stakeholder Forum, on ECOSOC's behalf, is asking stakeholder groups for any input they could provide to the attached questionnaire. The questionnaire focuses on Millenium Development Goal-7, and points to specific issues relating to it that will be discussed at the AMR. Submissions are requested by **Friday, June 20th** at the latest. For more information on the review, please visit: <http://www.un.org/ecosoc/newfunc/amr2008.shtml>.

Action Alerts

CMP Working Group ENGO members - Request for Sign-on to Joint ENGO Submission on Bisphenol-A

While ENGOs support the proposal to list bisphenol-A as a toxic substance under CEPA, there are several issues and concerns regarding both the draft assessment and most particularly, the very limited scope of the document. This submission is a consolidated summary of issues and recommendations identified by ENGOs on both the draft assessment and the scoping document. **The ENGO members of the Chemicals Management Plan Working Group are therefore asking for your sign-on to this submission.** Read more...

Canadian Biotechnology Action Network - Take Action Today on Biofuels Bill C-33

Yesterday, the Senate Committee on Energy, Environment and Natural Resources held one hearing on Bill C-33 on biofuels - the Senate was supposed to hear from the Minister of Agriculture and two other government employees. This may be the only hearing in the Senate on the issue unless you ask Senators to call for more witnesses and to discuss this urgent and

important issue more in depth. **The Committee is still discussing this Bill and no decision has been made yet.** Read more...

Announcements

Scholarship Opportunity for Arctic Youth Expedition

Students on Ice Expeditions is pleased to announce a scholarship opportunity open to Canadian high school students for positions on the International Polar Year (IPY) Arctic Youth Expedition 2008. The expedition will take place August 2nd - 17th, 2008. Funding for these scholarships is made possible by a contribution from the Government of Canada Program for IPY. The deadline for student applications is Monday, June 30th, 2008. Please contact the Students on Ice Outreach & Participant Coordinator at apply@studentsonice.com with any questions, or visit studentonice.org.

Events

Cross-Canada "No Uranium" Tour With Uranium Activists

On June 18th, Donna Dillman, facilitator for the [Community Coalition Against Mining Uranium](http://CommunityCoalitionAgainstMiningUranium.org) (CCAMU) and the grandmother who refused food for 68 days to protest uranium exploration in eastern Ontario, takes to the road again with a "No Uranium" message – mainly that "uranium exploration and mining, and making electricity and bombs from uranium, is not a part of the sustainability vision". Joined by her husband, Mike Nickerson, they will visit over 75 towns and cities as they cross Canada and the US this year. If you are inclined to have them bring their message to your town, a few dates are still available. Donna will also talk about the various protest actions that have been successful locally and hopes to learn from others as well. For more details, please visit SustainWellBeing.net.

Project Ecosphere - Environmental fairs in Ottawa and Brome

The third edition of Project Ecosphere, a country fair dedicated entirely to sustainable development and the environment, will take place at the Brome Fairgrounds in the Eastern Townships (QC) on September 26-28, and in Ottawa from August 2-4, as part of the Rideau Canal Festival. During the event, businesses and organizations working in green architecture, new technologies, clean energies, organic farming, nature conservation, fashion and alternative medicines will be informing the public of innovative products and services available to them to make greener choices. Concrete solutions will be offered to make a collective difference. Project Ecosphere is part of Zerofootprint, a non-profit organization supporting ecological organizations, events and activities. For more information about this event, or to sign-up as an exhibitor, please visit projectecosphere.org.

Employment

Greenpeace Canada – Forest Campaigner

Greenpeace Canada is seeking an experienced forest campaigner to work on their Great Bear Rainforest campaign in Vancouver, BC. Responsibilities will include: working with and lobbying senior government, industry and First Nations leaders to implement lasting solutions for the Great Bear Rainforest; engaging with First Nations' communities to support the implementation of land use agreements at a local level; and implementing public engagement strategies to raise awareness of the Great Bear Rainforest. Candidates should have a minimum of 3 years of

campaign experience, and a proven record on developing and implementing successful campaign strategies. **The closing date for applications is July 11, 2008.** For more information, please visit greenpeace.org.

Greenpeace Canada – Office Administrator

Greenpeace Canada is currently seeking an Office Administrator with administrative experience and who enjoys work that is of a clerical nature for their office in Vancouver, BC. Responsibilities will include: administering daily office operations, managing the initial organization contact to the public, facilitating the flow of information and communication within the office and with the Toronto office, developing capital expenditure proposals and managing the office's administration budget. Candidates should be highly organized, have general IT trouble-shooting skills, be flexible and have proven judgement and analytical skills. **The closing date for applications is July 9, 2008.** For more information, please visit greenpeace.org.

Jour de la Terre Québec – Project Officer

Projets Saint-Laurent, the intermediary organization for Earth Day Quebec since 1995, is currently seeking a Project Officer, who will be responsible for the elaboration and coordination of a climate change education campaign for high-school students, as well as the coordination of a program in relation to the theme of eco-municipalities. Candidates must be fluent in French; have a university degree in communications, environmental studies, literature or related field; excellent organisational skills; initiative; and previous experience in project coordination. This is a 6-month contract with possibility of renewal and candidates must be admissible for a salary grant by Emploi-Québec. **The deadline for applications is July 11, 2008.** For more information, please visit jourdelaterre.org (in French only).

Nature-Action Québec – Eco-Counsellor

Nature-Action Québec is currently seeking candidates for the position of Eco-Counsellor in the city of Saint-Lambert, QC. Tasks related to this position include: consciousness-raising with citizens in regards to the sound management of residual materials; creating and carrying out activities in schools; and the management of an Info-Environment line. Candidates must at least have a college degree in communications or environmental studies and at least 6 month of related experience. **The deadline for applications is June 23, 2008.** Please visit nature-action.qc.ca for more information (in French only).