

## RCEN E-Bulletin – May 21, 2008 Edition

### Network News

#### The Canadian Environment Awards

With today's announcement of the short list of finalists for the 2008 Canadian Environment Awards, the RCEN would like to congratulate all of the nominees and finalists who continually strive to protect the environment and promote eco-friendly ways of life through their work and individual actions.

We are also proud to count several of these finalists among the Network's membership. The RCEN's Executive Director, Susan Tanner, will be attending the Awards Gala in Toronto on June 2nd to honour these remarkable achievements.

For more information on the Canadian Environment Awards 2008, please visit: [www.canadiangeographic.ca/cea](http://www.canadiangeographic.ca/cea).

### Calls for Delegates

#### Chemicals Management Plan Priority Setting Workshop (including Medium Priority substances)

Environment Canada has invited the RCEN to select four ENGO delegates to participate in a multi-stakeholder Priority Setting workshop on [Canada's Chemicals Management Plan](#) (CMP). Hosted jointly by Environment Canada and Health Canada, the workshop is aimed at brainstorming and collecting input on potential priorities for the next round of work planning under the CMP, including medium priority substances. The workshop will be taking place in Ottawa, on either June 17-18 or 18-19, 2008 (to be confirmed). Travel and living expenses will be reimbursed according to [Treasury Board guidelines](#), though no per diems will be provided for this meeting. **The deadline for applications is May 28, 2008.** For more information, please [click here](#).

#### Industry and NGO meeting with Australia: views on the Categorization process on existing chemicals under Canada's CMP

Environment Canada has invited the RCEN to select three ENGO delegates to participate in a consultation with delegates from the National Industrial Chemicals Notification and Assessment (NICNAS), Government of Australia. NGO and industry representatives will engage in discussions on the categorization activity on existing chemicals under [Canada's Chemicals Management Plan](#) (CMP). Please note that no per diems or travel reimbursement will be provided for this meeting, therefore candidates from the national capital region are preferred. The consultation will take place in Ottawa, on either June 24 or 25 (to be confirmed). **The deadline for applications is May 28.** For more information, please [click here](#).

### Other Calls

#### Call for Comments - Canadian Health Measures Survey

Health Canada is currently planning for the next cycle of the Canadian Health Measures Survey (CHMS), slated to begin summer 2009. The CHMS is a nationally representative 'direct measures' health survey that includes measurements of environmental chemicals in blood and urine (biomonitoring) of approximately 5000 Canadian participants aged 6 to 79 years. Health

Canada must determine the content of the biomonitoring component by end of summer; specifically, the priority list of environmental chemicals to measure in Canadians. Cycle 2 of the CHMS will include children younger than 6 years of age. **Recommendations for content are being sought from internal and external stakeholders having interest or expertise in human biomonitoring of environmental chemicals.** These stakeholders include other federal departments, provincial/territorial departments, NGOs, industry groups, and academics. Consultations will occur between May 14th and June 13th, 2008, in the form of this Input Questionnaire. Please submit any comments or recommendations using this document. All responses should be forwarded to [Ellen\\_lee@hc-sc.gc.ca](mailto:Ellen_lee@hc-sc.gc.ca), **no later than June 13th.**

## Announcements

New RCEN Member Group – My Sustainable Canada

*My Sustainable Canada* is a national not-for-profit organization that serves as a policy advocate for sustainable consumption solutions. The primary goal of the organization is to put sustainable consumption on the national agenda, through research and collaboration with knowledgeable and committed individuals, academics, businesses, government and non-government representatives to innovate new policies, action plans, programs and tools. **For more information, please visit [mysustainablecanada.org](http://mysustainablecanada.org).**

Delegate Selection - Metal Mining Effluent Regulations (MMER) Schedule 2 Consultations

The RCEN has selected four delegates to participate in the May 14th consultation for the Carol and Scully Labrador Iron Ore Mines. This is the first consultation in relation to the MMER Schedule 2 Consultations with Environment Canada, which will be taking place over the next year. **The selected delegates are:** Brenda Kelley, *Bathurst Sustainable Development (NB)*; Judy Parkman, *Recycling Organization Against Rubbish (BC)*; Chad Griffiths, *Trout Pond Action Group (NL and Labrador)*; Jean Paul L'Italien, *Comité de développement durable du Nord-ouest du Nouveau-Brunswick (NB)*. For more information on this consultation and upcoming meetings, please [click here](#).

## Resources

Action RE-buts – Waste Reduction and Composting Resources

With their new and improved website, Action RE-buts now offers several resources for the ecological and economical management of waste. The new site features a wealth of information on composting, how to reduce waste at home, as well as a month-by-month calendar of waste reducing activities for everyone. **Please visit [actionrebut.org](http://actionrebut.org) (in French only) to access this useful resource.**

## Events

Conference on Biomass and Energy for the Great Lakes Economy

On June 8-9, 2008, the campus of Queen's University will host Cabinet Ministers, Deputy Ministers, senior government and academic researchers and business and industry leaders meeting to consider critical issues facing the Great Lakes region as it transforms from a fossil-fuel driven economy to one based on the development of vast and sustainable biological resources. The conference will examine the major commercial, environmental and policy barriers and opportunities that affect fuel supply, transport and processing options with respect to various

biomass feedstocks. Participants will investigate current public policies and strategies, and identify the policy research areas that deserve priority. **Registration and conference details are available [here](#).**

## **Employment**

Nature Québec – Intern in Environmental Journalism

Nature Québec is currently seeking a candidate for the position of Intern in Environmental Journalism. The intern will support the FrancVert webzine team in the production and coordination of future webzine editions. The internship will take place either in Québec City or Montréal and the chosen candidate will work together with the webzine's director and the communications officer. Candidates should have experience in communications, journalism or environmental work and should be eligible for the [Canada Summer Jobs program](#). **For more information, please visit [naturequebec.org](http://naturequebec.org)** (in French only).

Nature-Action Québec – Eco-Counsellor and Project Manager

Nature-Action Québec is currently seeking candidates for two positions. The **Eco-Counsellor's** principal function will be to educate and promote better environmental practices amongst the public, especially in matters related to the responsible and sustainable management of waste. The deadline to apply for this position is May 26. The **Senior Project Manager** for natural areas' main tasks will include: reaching and implementing a marshland conservation understanding with a commercial enterprise; managing a project for natural areas in a peri-urban zone and managing a re-naturalization project in an urban park. The deadline to apply for this position is June 1<sup>st</sup>. For more information, please visit [nature-action.qc.ca](http://nature-action.qc.ca) (in French only).