

## RCEN E-Bulletin – January 23, 2008 Edition

### Delegate Selection

Draft Proposed Regulatory Provision for an Extension to the 2009 End-of-Use Deadline for Proposed PCB Regulations

The RCEN has selected three (3) ENGO delegates to comment on Environment Canada's draft proposed regulatory provision for an extension to the 2009 end-of-use deadline for the proposed PCB Regulations under the Canadian Environmental Protection Act, 1999. The selected ENGO delegates are: [Fe de Leon](#) (Canadian Environmental Law Association), [John Jackson](#) (Great Lakes United & Citizens' Network on Waste Management) and [Daniel Green](#) (Sierra Club of Canada). For more information, please [click here](#).

New Substances Program: External Review Pilot Project

The RCEN has selected two (2) ENGO delegates to participate in a pilot project for Environment Canada / Health Canada's New Substances Program. The selected ENGO delegates are: [Barbara McElgunn](#) (Learning Disabilities Association of Canada) and [Fe de Leon](#) (Canadian Environmental Law Association). The alternate is: [Susan Sang](#) (York Region Environmental Alliance). For more information, please [click here](#).

Chemicals Management Plan Stakeholder Advisory Council

The RCEN has selected two (2) ENGO delegates to serve on a Multi-Stakeholder Advisory Council to the Chemicals Management Plan (CMP). The selected ENGO delegates are: [Fe de Leon](#) (Canadian Environmental Law Association) and [Anne Kuersten](#) (Tantramar Environmental Alliance). The alternate is: [Mary Richardson](#) (Crooked Creek Conservancy Society of Athabasca). For more information, please [click here](#).

### Other Calls

Call for Applications: Alcoa Foundation Practitioner Fellowships

The Alcoa Foundation has created a [Conservation and Sustainability Fellowship Programme](#) that aims to contribute to improving knowledge and building leaders in the field of conservation and sustainability. Practitioner Fellowships provide a non-degree opportunity for qualified mid-level professionals from NGOs to conduct approved six- to twelve-month intensive applied research projects in conservation and sustainability. Fellows work from their home organization and are mentored remotely by an expert from a selected Sustainability Institute.

Further information on Practitioner Fellowship requirements, including application forms and procedures, can be found at [www.alcoafoundationfellows.org/page/pf2008/](http://www.alcoafoundationfellows.org/page/pf2008/). Applications should be submitted no later than February 14<sup>th</sup>, 2008.

## Action Alerts

Day of Action for Grassy Narrows and Indigenous Self-Determination on January 30<sup>th</sup>

In January 2007, the Grassy Narrows First Nation (located north of Kenora, Ontario) called for a complete moratorium on all industrial activity on their traditional territory without community consent in order to protect their land and culture from further destruction. Under intense pressure from Grassy Narrows and international solidarity campaigns the provincial government of Ontario has recently appointed a high-level negotiator to address core issues in Grassy Narrows. But certain companies continue to sell paper made from trees clear-cut on Grassy Narrows' territory. Grassy Narrows and the Rainforest Alliance Network are organizing an International Day of Action on January 30<sup>th</sup> to call on these companies to publicly support the moratorium, and stop selling paper made from Grassy Narrows' forests without consent. To learn more about this action, please visit [FreeGrassy.org](http://FreeGrassy.org).

## Resources

Agriculture Report - Cool Farming: Climate Impacts of Agriculture and Mitigation Potential

With agriculture being one of the largest emitters of greenhouse gases, a new report entitled *Cool Farming* details the destructive practices resulting from industrial agriculture and presents workable solutions to help reduce its contribution to climate change. Written by Professor Pete Smith, a lead author on the latest Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) report on climate change, and his research team at the University of Aberdeen, the Greenpeace-published report aims to show how these practical changes will benefit the environment as well as farmers and consumers throughout the world. To read the report on Greenpeace's website, please [click here](#).

National Orphaned and Abandoned Mines Initiative: Extensive Study on Canadian Mining Law Now Available

A new report written by lawyer Joseph Castrilli for the National Orphaned and Abandoned Mines Initiative (NOAMI) is now available in CD format. In Canada, the mining industry, governments, and local communities recognize that orphaned or abandoned mines for which the owner cannot be found, or for which the owner is financially unable to carry out cleanup, pose environmental, health, safety, and economic problems. This report reviews the legislative, regulatory and policy framework respecting collaboration, liability and funding at the federal, provincial, and territorial levels in Canada in relation to orphaned/abandoned, contaminated and operating mines. The Executive Summary of the report can be read [here](#), or CD copies can be ordered from Charlene Hogan at the NOAMI Secretariat by sending a request to [chogan@nrcan.gc.ca](mailto:chogan@nrcan.gc.ca).

## Events

## Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) – Sustainable Communities Conference and Trade Show 2008

Taking place in Ottawa from February 14-16, FCM's Sustainable Communities Conference and Trade Show is billed as the leading environmental conference for municipal leaders and will focus on building municipal capacity for social, economic and environmental sustainability. During the Conference, participants will have the opportunity to gain new knowledge, insights, and tools, have the chance to share lessons learned with municipal leaders from across the country, and build new networks, in order to turn sustainability ideas into solid action and results in communities. Please visit [www.sustainablecommunities.fcm.ca](http://www.sustainablecommunities.fcm.ca) for the latest news and updates on the Conference and to register.

### Employment

#### Environmental Planning and Assessment (EPA) Caucus Coordinator – Canadian Environmental Network (RCEN)

The RCEN is currently seeking a part-time EPA Caucus Coordinator to facilitate the organization's EPA caucus and committee initiatives; implement and coordinate delegate selections, as well as negotiate and implement contracts. Part of a team, the EPA Caucus Coordinator, reporting to the Associate Executive Director will also ensure an effective role for the RCEN in consultative processes between the federal government and environmental groups around environmental planning and assessment issues. Candidates must have excellent written and verbal skills in both English and French, relevant experience in coordination and project administration in the non-profit sector, experience in governmental relations and with fundraising and contracts negotiations. This position is based in Ottawa, Ontario.

For more information, please read the full job posting here. **The deadline for applications is February 10<sup>th</sup>, 2008.**

#### Renewable Energy Coordinator – Falls Brook Centre

Located in New Brunswick, the Falls Brook Centre (FBC) is currently seeking a Renewable Energy (RE) Coordinator to be responsible for a range of RE activities and will coordinate FBC's Climate Change Programming. Responsibilities include coordinating FBC climate change and RE outreach activities, maintaining and expanding on-site RE demonstrations, developing and delivering hands-on RE training and education materials, and linking with local, national, and international efforts to promote appropriate technology systems. Remuneration for this one-year contract position is \$28,000/yr, with possibilities for a contract extension and involvement with other climate change projects and initiatives. The deadline for receiving resumes is February 29<sup>th</sup> 2008. For a more detailed job description along with required qualifications, please go to: [www.fallsbrookcentre.ca/RE\\_coordinator.htm](http://www.fallsbrookcentre.ca/RE_coordinator.htm).

#### Sustainability Program Officer – The Natural Step (TNS)

The Natural Step is currently seeking a Sustainability Program Officer to provide logistical and communications support to its Program Delivery team, which is located in Ottawa, Ontario. The Program Officer will need to work in a collaborative manner on tasks related to project development and logistics, project management, information management, report writing, research, and general administrative support. He/she is expected to understand the overall project activities of TNS Canada in order to provide support to the team. This one-year full-time contract position demands a professional individual with highly developed organizational and administrative skills. The deadline for applications is **January 21st, 2008**. To read the full job description, please [click here](#).

#### Director of Campaigns & Community Engagement – Sierra Club of British Columbia

The BC Chapter of Sierra Club of Canada is seeking a Director of Campaigns & Community Engagement to provide leadership in the Club's planning, development, execution and financial management of conservation campaigns and community engagement. In particular, the successful candidate will be responsible for building the Club's community engagement capacity to both empower grassroots partners and further Sierra Club BC's conservation priorities. Foremost among these is addressing climate change in a provincial context. The Director of Campaigns & Community Engagement will work with and supervise a team of campaign and outreach staff to achieve these goals. Experience working on environmental advocacy campaigns and proven experience as an effective manager are essential. This position, located in Victoria, is open until a suitable candidate is selected. For a complete job description, please [click here](#).

#### Program Director, Fundy Baykeeper Program - Conservation Council of New Brunswick (CCNB)

The CCNB is seeking a highly motivated individual to fill the position of Program Director for its Fundy Baykeeper Program. The Program Director has primary responsibility for assembling the resources, infrastructure and staff support to implement the program's strategic plan and support the work of the Fundy Baykeeper. The Program Director will also manage the operations of the program, fundraising and building capacity to meet existing needs and seizing opportunities as they arise. The successful candidate will have a track record of successful fundraising and organizational management. This is currently a part-time position with the expectation that the Director will secure the resources to expand it to full-time. Applicants must submit a resume and detailed cover letter to [David Coon](#) at CCNB. For more information, please visit [www.fundybaykeeper.ca](http://www.fundybaykeeper.ca).