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Network News

A Model for Active Citizenship: Maisie Shiell

Since 1976, Maisie Shiell built a reputation on both sides of the anti-nuclear debate in Saskatchewan and the rest of Canada as a knowledgeable 'citizen-scientist' who challenged uranium mining officials at public debates because, in her own words, her goal in life was to leave behind a safe and healthy world for our children.

Sadly, this legendary activist passed away on May 21st at the age of 92. Over the years, she was actively involved with the RCEN and received numerous awards for her tireless work. Please visit the [Saskatchewan Eco-Network's website](#) to read more about Maisie Shiell's life and her last letter to the citizens of Saskatchewan.

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 has now been extended to this Friday, May 30th.** 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 has now been extended to this Friday, May 30th.** For more information, please [click here](#).

Resources

New Publication about the Water Crisis facing First Nation Communities in Canada

Boiling Point showcases 6 First Nation communities that have and continue to face water crises including contaminated source, well and tap water and long-standing boil water advisories. According to the Polaris Institute, the publication provides a critical review of the ongoing lack of progress and action on the part of government in providing safe drinking water to First Nation

communities. The six profiles are only a small sample of the ongoing struggles many of these communities face in Canada. **To read the publication, please visit polarisinstitute.org.**

Events

Commission for Environmental Cooperation (CEC) – 15th Regular Session and Other Events

The CEC will be holding the [15th Regular Session of its Council](#) and related events on June 25-26 in Ottawa, Ontario. During this session, the CEC Council will discuss environmental issues of common interest to Canada, the United States and Mexico and the CEC's operational program. Public events will begin with [North America 2030: An Environmental Outlook](#), which will feature expert and public discussion of the key economic and social trends expected to affect North America's environment to 2030. The Council will hold its annual regular session the next day, most of which will be open to the public. Council members will also participate in a public forum in which citizens may make oral presentations on matters relating to the North American Agreement on Environmental Cooperation or the CEC. **A preliminary agenda, including events open to the public, is now available at cec.org.** As this Council Session is hosted by Canada, please note that financial assistance is limited to public participants from Mexico and the United States.

Exploring the Connection – A State of the Science Conference on Pesticides and Cancer

The Canadian Cancer Society, with support from the National Cancer Institute of Canada, will be hosting a conference on pesticides and cancer from November 12-13 in Toronto, Ontario. Experts from organizations such as the International Agency for Research on Cancer, the WHO and the U.S. National Cancer Institute will lead discussion on the state of the science on pesticides and cancer. **The focus of the conference will be on the non-cosmetic use of pesticides.** For more information, please go to www.cancer.ca/pesticidesconference.

Employment

Living Oceans Society - Marine Protected Areas Campaigner

Living Oceans Society (LOS) is seeking a Marine Protected Areas (MPA) Campaigner to play a key role in ensuring that a network of marine protected areas is established in British Columbia and the Canadian Arctic. Some of the roles of the Campaigner will include: representing LOS in discussions concerning the design and implementation of marine protected areas in BC and the Arctic; engaging in ongoing MPA designation processes and coordinating MPA work in BC with projects in the US and the Arctic; and disseminating information about the values and benefits associated with marine protected areas. This position will be based in Vancouver or Sointula, BC and **the closing date for applications is June 6, 2008.** Please visit livingoceans.org for more information.

Nature-Action Québec - Professional, Management of Natural Areas

Nature-Action Québec is currently seeking candidates for the position of Professional, Management of Natural Areas in the Beloeil (QC) region. The Professional will be responsible for the successful management of assignments in relation to budgets, deliverables and deadlines; participating in the planning and creation of new projects; and will participate in the preparation of funding proposals and offers of service. Ideal candidates will hold a university degree in conservation, biology, environment, natural areas management, forestry or other related fields and 3 years of relevant experience. **The deadline for applications is June 15, 2008.** For more details, please visit nature-action.qc.ca (in French only).

UNDP - Regional Technical Specialist for Biodiversity and Ecosystem Management for Europe and Commonwealth of Independent States

The United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) seeks a highly motivated and dynamic individual to assist countries in the Bratislava, Slovak Republic region in their management of biodiversity including: strategic planning and programming; the development and implementation of GEF funded projects; the development of strategic partnerships with public and private sector institutions; and the generation, dissemination and uptake of knowledge and good practices. Candidates must have a post-graduate university degree in biodiversity or environmental sciences, natural resource management or a closely related field and at least 5 years of relevant experience in developing countries. **The closing date for applications is June 15, 2008.** Full details are available at http://jobs.undp.org/cj_view_job.cfm?job_id=4864.