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## Workshop on Chemicals Management Policy — What is REACH all about?

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Ramada Plaza Hotel, Toronto, Ontario, Canada

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### Workshop Agenda

Objective: To discuss how chemicals are managed in the European Union and the lessons Canada can learn from REACH (Registration, Evaluation, Authorization and restriction of CHemicals).

#### Thursday, January 22, 2009

- 8:30 Morning Refreshments
- 9:00 **Opening Remarks and Introductions** — Bob Oliver, Pollution Probe
- 9:15 **Overview of Chemicals Management in Canada** — Theresa McClenaghan, Canadian Environmental Law Association
- CEPA 1999 and the Chemicals Management Plan – Challenge Program
  - Proposed Ontario Toxics Reduction Strategy
- 10:00 **Overview of Registration, Evaluation, Authorization, and restriction of Chemicals (REACH)** — Julie Sommerfreund, Pollution Probe and the Mining Association of Canada
- 10:30 Question Period
- 10:45 Health Break
- 11:00 **An In–depth Discussion of Registration and Evaluation of Substances Under REACH** — Julie Sommerfreund, Pollution Probe and the Mining Association of Canada
- 11:30 Question Period
- 11:45 **An In–depth Discussion of Authorisation and Restriction of Substances under REACH** — Julie Sommerfreund, Pollution Probe and the Mining Association of Canada
- 12:00 Question Period
- 12:15 Lunch
- 1:00 **How REACH Addresses Substances in Consumer Products (Articles) and Promotes Substitution of Substances of Very High Concern** — Julie Sommerfreund, Pollution Probe and the Mining Association of Canada

- 1:15 **Perspectives from the Canadian Environmental Law Association** — Kathleen Cooper, Canadian Environmental Law Association
- 1:30 **Perspectives from the Canadian Chemical Producers Association** — Gordon Lloyd, Canadian Chemical Producers' Association
- 1:45 **Perspectives from the Mining Association of Canada** — Justyna Laurie-Lean, Mining Association of Canada
- 2:00 **Breakout Session I**  
*Participants will be invited to discuss the advantages and disadvantages of chemicals management policies.*
- 2:30 **Participant Dialogue** — Discussion of conclusions reached during breakout session I
- 3:00 Health Break
- 3:15 **An Introduction to the Scientific Information Generated and Risk Assessment Approach Applied Under REACH** — Dina Schwertfeger, McGill University
- 3:45 **Breakout Session II**  
*Participants will be invited to discuss the ways in which Canadian Programs may benefit from the assessments of substances under REACH and how we can build on the REACH experience.*
- 4:15 **Participant Dialogue** — Discussion of conclusions reached during breakout session II
- 4:45 **Implications of REACH for Canada and other Jurisdictions** — Julie Sommerfreund, Pollution Probe and the Mining Association of Canada
- 5:00 **Summary and Conclusions**