

Workshop Agenda

Building a Dialogue Towards a National Strategy for Children's Health and Environment in Canada

This two-day workshop will explore the policy implications related to toxic substances in consumer products. One focus of the workshop is on phthalates, PBDEs and Bisphenol A, as a way of exploring the policy implications for a broader range of substances.

Day I — Tuesday, September 25, 2007

- 8:15 **Introduction and Welcome** — Tonya Surman, National Policy Consultation (NPC) Facilitator and CPCHE Partnership Director
- 8:35 **Introduction to CPCHE and Workshop Dialogue on Exposure to Toxic Substances in Consumer Products** — Ken Ogilvie, Executive Director, Pollution Probe and CPCHE Representative
- 9:00 **Roundtable Introductions**
- 9:15 **Keynote Speaker** — Dr. Philip J. Landrigan, Professor and Chair, Department of Community and Preventive Medicine; Professor of Pediatrics, Mount Sinai School of Medicine — *The keynote speaker will provide an introduction and overview of the science and policy implications as they relate to children's exposure to toxics in consumer products, with the objective of stimulating today's workshop dialogue.*
- 10:00 **Ensuring Safety in Consumer Products** — George Daston, Research Fellow, Procter & Gamble
- 10:30 Health Break

Morning Session — Framing the Policy Debate: Issues and Challenges in Relation to Toxics in Consumer Products — *Following an overview presentation by Health Canada, a panel will identify the main issues and challenges that each sector faces in addressing toxics or ensuring safety in consumer products. For example, supply chain issues; concerns about risk assessment methodologies; communicating with the public when new science emerges or problems are identified.*

- 10:45 **Overview Presentation** — Sue Milburn-Hopwood, Director, Risk Management Bureau and Robert Ianiro Director, Consumer Product Safety Bureau, Health Canada
- 11:00 **Issues faced by Industry** — Shannon Coombs, President, Canadian Consumer Specialty Products Association
- 11:15 **Issues faced by ENGOS** — Kathy Cooper, Senior Researcher, Canadian Environmental Law Association
- 11:30 **Communicating with the Public** — Loren Vanderlinden, Supervisor, Environmental Health Assessment and Policy, Environmental Protection Office, Toronto Public Health
- 11:45 **Participant Dialogue**
- 12:30 Lunch

Afternoon Session — *The afternoon session will focus on three case examples of toxics in consumer products. The objective is to look at three toxics (or potential toxics) in terms of policy challenges that various groups or sectors identify. This session has been framed as a dialogue and participants will be asked to actively contribute to the discussion.*

- 1:30 **Phthalates Dialogue** (10 minutes for the opening presentation; 3–4 minutes per respondent)
 Opening Presenter (NGO Lead) — Kapil Khatter, Pollution Policy Advisor, Environmental Defence Canada
 Respondent #1 — Harry Fisch, Professor, Medical Center of NY Presbyterian Hospital, Department of Urology, Columbia University; American Chemistry Council
 Respondent #2 — Jacques Tremblay, Professor, Centre for Research in Reproductive Biology, University of Laval
Respondents from different groups or sectors than the opening presenter will start the policy dialogue by identifying, from their perspectives, the main policy issues in the regulation of phthalates. What solutions should be considered? What changes to existing policy approaches should be made? The presenter and respondents will then join the broader plenary (or table) and a facilitated dialogue will be held.
- 2:30 **PBDEs Dialogue** (10 minutes for the opening presentation; 3–4 minutes per respondent)
 Opening Presenter (Government Lead) — Lyne Monastesse, Manager, Chemical Risk Management, Consumer and Chemical Products, Environment Canada
 Respondent #1 — Miriam Diamond, Professor, Department of Geography, University of Toronto
 Respondent #2 — Raymond B. Dawson, Chairman, Bromine Science and Environmental Forum
Respondents from different groups or sectors than the opening presenter will start the policy dialogue by identifying, from their perspectives, the main policy issues in the regulation of PBDEs. What solutions should be considered? What changes to existing policy approaches should be made? The presenter and respondents will then join the broader plenary (or table) and a facilitated dialogue will be held.
- 3:30 Health Break

- 3:45 **Bisphenol A Dialogue** (10 minutes for the opening presentation; 3–4 minutes per respondent)
Opening Presentation (Industry Lead) — Steve Hentges, Executive Director, Polycarbonate/BPA Global Group, American Chemistry Council
Respondent #1 — Anne Wordsworth, Research Associate, Canadian Environmental Law Association
Respondent #2 — Louise Vandelac, Professor/Director, Center of Interdisciplinary Research on Biology, Health, Society and Environment (CINBIOSE), University of Quebec
Respondents from different groups or sectors than the opening presenter will start the policy dialogue by identifying, from their perspectives, the main policy issues in the regulation of Bisphenol A. What solutions should be considered? What changes to existing policy approaches should be made? The presenter and respondents will then join the broader plenary (or table) and a facilitated dialogue will be held.
- 4:45 **Wrap Up and Adjourn** — Ken Ogilvie, Executive Director, Pollution Probe

A reception will follow from 5:00 to 6:30 pm at the Hotel Maritime Plaza.

Day 2 — Wednesday, September 26, 2007

- 9:00 **Welcome and Recap from Day One** — Tonya Surman, NPC Facilitator and CPCHE Partnership Director
- 9:30 **Talk Show — Roles and Responsibilities** (7–8 minutes for each speaker)
Speakers will comment on what they have heard or learned from Day 1 and what government, industry, academics and NGOs can do to advance research, policy analysis, collaboration and action on toxic substances in consumer products. The following individuals have been identified as potential Talk Show participants.
1. Geoff Granville, Consultant
 2. Kathy Cooper, Senior Researcher, Canadian Environmental Law Association
 3. Madeleine Bird, Coordinator, Health and Environment Awareness Program, Breast Cancer Action Montreal, McGill Centre for Research and Teaching on Women, McGill University
 4. Sue Milburn-Hopwood, Director, Risk Management Bureau, Health Canada
 5. Louise Vandelac, Professor/Director, Center of Interdisciplinary Research on Biology, Health, Society and Environment (CINBIOSE), University of Quebec
- 11:00 Health Break
- 11:15 **Participant Dialogue**
- 12:30 **Wrap up and Adjourn** — Ken Ogilvie, Executive Director, Pollution Probe and Tonya Surman, NPC Facilitator and CPCHE Partnership Director