

Workshop Agenda

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

This two-day workshop will cover how air quality standards are set, and will open a dialogue on the challenges and actions underway to protect children's respiratory health.

Day I — Tuesday, February 27, 2007

- 8:30 **Introduction and Welcome** — Tonya Surman, NPC Facilitator and CPCHE Partnership Director
- 8:40 **Setting the Stage and Providing the Context for Children's Health and Environment** — Ken Ogilvie, Executive Director, Pollution Probe and Kathleen Cooper, Senior Researcher, Canadian Environmental Law Association
- 9:00 **Roundtable Introductions**
- 9:20 **Ministerial Keynote Address** — Honourable Laurel Broten, Ontario Minister of the Environment
- 9:40 **Children's Health and Environment in the Overall Public Health Context** — Dr. David McKeown, Medical Officer of Health, Toronto Public Health
- 10:00 **Integrating Science, Public Education and Health Care to Improve Children's Respiratory Health** — Dr. Barbara MacKinnon, Director, Environmental Research, New Brunswick Lung Association
- 10:20 **Health Break**
- 10:40 **Question and Discussion Period**
- 12:00 **Lunch**

- 1:00 **Panel — Air Pollution and Standards-setting**
Chair: Dean Edwardson, General Manager, Sarnia Lambton Environmental Association
Proposed Revisions to the US Air Quality Standards for Ozone and Particulate Matter — Deborah Shprentz, Consultant, American Lung Association
Science in Support of Air Quality Standards-setting in Canada — Phil Blagden, Acting Manager, Air Health Effects Division, Health Canada
Risk Assessment and Standards-setting in Ontario — Cathy Grant, Engineering Specialist, Standards Development Branch, Environmental Sciences and Standards Division, Ontario Ministry of the Environment
- 2:15 **Question and Discussion Period**
- 3:00 **Health Break**
- 3:15 **Facilitated Discussion** — Group discussion on gaps and needs in research to inform the standards-setting process. Questions to discuss: What are the gaps in the research? What are the gaps in the standards? What are the gaps in surveillance?
- 4:00 **Cracker Barrel***
Ontario Hospital Clean Air Challenge — Kady Cowan, Project Coordinator, Canadian Centre for Pollution Prevention
Air Quality Health Index — Phil Blagden, Acting Manager, Air Health Effects Division, Health Canada
School Bus Initiative — Louise Aubin, Environmental Health Research and Policy Analyst, Region of Peel Public Health Department and Chair, Environmental Health Workgroup, Ontario Public Health Association
Toronto Cancer Prevention Coalition's Occupational and Environmental Working Group, Community Right-to-Know — Nancy Bradshaw, Community Outreach Coordinator, Environmental Health Clinic, Women's College Hospital
Childhood Asthma — Chris Haromy, Respiratory Therapist, Asthma Action Program, The Ontario Lung Association
- 4:50 **Closing Thoughts** — Tonya Surman, NPC Facilitator and CPCHE Partnership Director
- 5:00 **Adjourn**

A reception will follow from 5:00 to 6:30 pm at the University of Toronto Conference Centre.

** The Cracker Barrel consists of small group interactions with a series of presenters. The groups move around the room and spend time with every presenter.*

Day 2 — Wednesday, February 28, 2007

- 8:45 **Welcome and Recap from Day 1** — Ken Ogilvie, Executive Director, Pollution Probe and Tonya Surman, NPC Facilitator and CPCHE Partnership Director
- 9:00 **Proposed Clean Air Act and Dealing with Transboundary Air Issues** — Michael Horgan, Deputy Minister, Environment Canada
- 9:20 **Improving Air Quality in a Competitive Context: National Framework for Petroleum Refinery Emission Reductions** — Claude Chamberland, Manager, Industry and Government Affairs, Shell Canada Limited
- 9:40 **Health Break**
- 10:00 **Panel — Local and Regional Initiatives**
Chair: Dr. Monica Campbell, Manager, Environmental Protection Office, Toronto Public Health
Community-based Investigations of Point Source Air Pollution and Children's Respiratory Health — Dr. Tom Kosatsky, Epidemiologist, Montreal Public Health Department
Canada-US Border Air Quality Strategy — Anita Wong, A/Manager, Air and Climate Change Section, Environmental Protection Operations Directorate, Environment Canada – Ontario Region
Birth Outcomes, Childhood Respiratory Disease and Exposure to Air Pollutants — Dr. Michael Brauer, Professor and Director, Occupational and Environmental Hygiene, University of British Columbia
Windsor Children's Respiratory Health Study — Dr. Ling Liu, Head, Air Health Effects Research Section, Healthy Environments and Consumer Safety Branch, Health Canada
- 11:15 **Question and Discussion Period**
- 12:00 **Lunch**
- 1:00 **Breakout Session — Putting it all Together**
Examples of questions: How do we integrate standards and policy? What role does public outreach and communications play? What elements would we need in a national strategy to address air quality from a children's health perspective?
- 2:30 **Health Break**
- 2:45 **Continuation of Breakout Session**
- 4:00 **Report Back to Plenary**
- 4:45 **Closing Thoughts** — Tonya Surman, NPC Facilitator and CPCHE Partnership Director
- 5:00 **Adjourn**