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Canadian Network for Human Health and the Environment

The Canadian Network for Human Health and the Environment (CNHHE) is concerned with broad human health-related environmental issues relating to air, water, soil, food, climate change and consumer products. Membership is open to non-governmental, research, and healthcare professionals, government policy-makers and individuals who are interested in the connections between human health and environmental exposures. At the present time, the primary focus of the network is to engage members in the Chemicals Management Program (CMP) of Health and Environment Canada.

The Network was originally established in 2007 with a grant from the Safe Environment Program of Health Canada (SEP). The former provided a mechanism to increase co-operation between the Government of Canada and the health NGO sector, increase the opportunity for dialogue among all stakeholder groups in the network throughout the entire public policy process, provide an NGO lens for policy development and reviews conducted by the federal government, and provide information that is more readily available and accessible in order to increase the understanding of one another's broad policy objectives.

With the present focus on the CMP, the CNHHE's primary activity is to inform members about substances being assessed by the Government of Canada via e-mail, the website, and social media, and to engage them in the CMP's public comment opportunities. This is achieved through free online webinars about the particular substance attended by participants possessing varied degrees of knowledge, from none to a great amount, about the substance being discussed. Comments and questions are then summarized and sent with individual anonymity to the appropriate office of the Government of Canada.

To learn more about the CNHHE, [click here](#).

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Chemicals Management Plan

Chemicals are part of everyday life, essential to our economy, our communities and our homes. While chemicals provide benefits, they may also have harmful effects if not properly managed.

The Chemicals Management Plan (CMP) is a Government of Canada initiative aimed at reducing the risks posed by chemicals to Canadians and their environment. The next phase of the CMP, launched in May 2016, will address the remaining 1550 priority chemicals out of the original 4300 chemicals identified as priorities during the categorization. The Minister of Health and the Minister of Environment and Climate Change have committed to addressing these chemicals by 2020. The CMP builds on previous initiatives by assessing chemicals used in Canada and by taking action on chemicals found to be harmful to human health and/or the environment.

- **Chemicals at a Glance**

Short fact sheets about chemical substances and micro-organisms.

- **External Bodies**

Information on the [CMP Science Committee](#), the [Stakeholder Advisory Council](#), and the former [Challenge Advisory Panel](#).

- **Initiatives**

Information on a broad range of CMP initiatives.

- **Latest News**

Lists all the latest news from the past few years. You can also [subscribe](#) to get the latest news.

- **Resources**

Includes background information, CMP Progress Reports, fact sheets, chemical lists and timelines.

- **Risk assessment**

Information on risk assessment processes, approaches and methods used by the Government of Canada to assess risk of chemicals to public and the environment.

- **Risk management**

Information on risk management process and tools used by the Government of Canada to manage risks on chemicals.

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Chemicals Management Plan Stakeholder Advisory Council

The Chemicals Management Plan Stakeholder Advisory Council is a multi-stakeholder group that contributes to the implementation of the Chemicals Management Plan (CMP). The purpose of the Council is to provide stakeholders the opportunity to offer advice and input to Government on the implementation of the CMP, and to foster dialogue on issues pertaining to the CMP between stakeholders and government, and among different stakeholder groups. Issues may include risk assessment, risk management, risk communications, monitoring, research, indicators of success, chemical policy, and other cross-cutting, integrated activities across the CMP. The group holds a minimum of two meetings per year. Its current mandate is from April 2016 until March 31, 2021. Members represent National Aboriginal organizations, Consumer groups, Environment Non-Government Organizations, Health Non-Government Organizations and Industry (including associations, producers, users with a specific focus on downstream industry).

- [List of Members](#)
- [Meetings](#)
- [Terms of Reference](#)

The Stakeholder Advisory Council for the first and second phases of the CMP are now concluded. View the [Meeting Summary Reports](#) for the first two phases. Other related materials such as the lists of members and

terms of reference for the first and second phases are available upon request. Please contact chemicalsubstanceschimiques@hc-sc.gc.ca.

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