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2005 CITW Committee Meetings

Once again the CITW Committee Meetings will be held in conjunction with the CWPA & CSA meetings in Toronto this October.

CITW

- Monday, October 24th

CWPA

- Tuesday and Wednesday October 25th-26th

CSA O80

- Thursday, October 27th

The meetings are being held at the Radisson Admiral - Toronto Harbourfront

Telephone: (416) 203-3333

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Room Rate: \$179.99 / Night + taxes

Overnight Parking: \$18 / Night + taxes

Room Block Code: CWPA#1

Cut off date: September 23rd

We look forward to seeing all of you again this October in Toronto.

Lake Wabamun

The CN train derailment at Lake Wabamun, Alberta on Wednesday August 3, 2005 became an issue for CITW when media reports indicated that one of the 43 cars that jumped the tracks allegedly carried wood

preservatives. Media attempted to portray CN Rail as irresponsible for not reporting the contents of the car. The other cars carried bunker C oil.

The media did not contact CITW directly. We did attempt to contact CN to lend assistance but our call was not returned.

CITW's public relations firm advised the Institute to monitor the situation and only respond if approached. Lack of direct involvement (i.e. open access to the site or confirmation of contents) limits the Institute's ability to make public statements.

CITW initiated correspondence with our contacts at Pest Management Regulatory Agency in Ottawa and Environment Canada in Edmonton to assess the accuracy of media reports.

Our understanding from various sources is that the car contained 'lube oil' also used and referred to as 'pole treating oil'. The car was in transit to a storage facility in Vancouver and not a treating plant. Furthermore, the oil did not contain any preservatives.

Toxicologist John Harrison provided CITW with a short review of the toxic characteristics of bunker C oil and lube oil which the Institute could use should the need arise.

Since August 12th the media frenzy has subsided.

PMRA revisions proposed for Pest Control Product Regulations

The PMRA a branch of Health Canada has recently made known its latest initiatives that are directed at revising the current regulatory regime for pest control products.

Proposed Revisions to the Pest Control Products Regulations: (Notice of intent: NOI2005-002) gives notice that the regulations intend to name four classes of pest control products: domestic, restricted, commercial and manufacturing. The existing regulations establish only the domestic and restricted product classes. The current registration system references commercial and manufacturing product classes. The revisions are specifically designed to reconcile classifications in the regulations with those in the registration system.

List of Pest Control Product Formulants and Contaminants of Health or Environmental Concern under the New Pest Control Products Act (Notice of intent: NOI2005-01)

The purpose of this revision is to increase transparency in the regulatory system for

pesticides. The PMRA is establishing a list of pest control product formulants and contaminants that are a concern to health or the environment.

CWPCA Update

The CWPCA is pleased to announce that the program is progressing at the anticipated rate and is near completion. Three auditing firms have been short listed for the position; the task force will be meeting them in early September before the final selection is made.

CITW & Environment Canada would like to thank everyone that applied for a position on the industry review panel. The panel selection is near completion; those applicants that have been selected will be contacted in the near future.

The review panel's purpose is to assist the industry and rule on potential interpretation issues that may stem from the final audits. Examples include but are not limited to questionable plant upgrade etc... The panel would than be required to take the auditors findings and compare them to the TRD guidelines. A firm understanding of the guidelines and what it means for the industry was a very important factor in panel selection. Upon completion of the final audit phase in which the SOP committee will also participate the review panel will continue to work with the CWPCA when the industry shifts to the self certification program.



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