



Invitation to January-February 2009 Environment Canada Information Sessions in BC and Yukon on the new *PCB Regulations*

PCB Regulations

Polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs) are synthetic compounds that became popular for industrial uses because of their stable chemical properties. PCBs were imported into Canada mostly for use in dielectric fluids to cool and insulate electrical transformers and capacitors until 1977. PCBs have also been used in heat-transfer and hydraulic systems and as plasticizers.

The *PCB Regulations* (the Regulations) came into force on September 5, 2008. The objectives of the Regulations are to improve the protection of Canada's environment and the health of Canadians from the risks posed by the use, storage, and releases of PCBs, and to accelerate their elimination. The Regulations also implement Canada's national and international commitments on the use (including exports and imports), storage and elimination of PCBs.

The regulatory requirements are divided into four parts and their key elements which will be covered in the Information Sessions are summarized below:

- Part 1 Sets out general requirements that are applicable to all parts of the Regulations.
- Part 2 Establishes prohibitions on the release, manufacture, export, import, offer for sale, sale, processing and use of PCBs and products containing PCBs and exceptions to them; and, Sets deadlines to end the use of PCBs and products containing PCBs and send them for destruction.
- Part 3 Specifies storage requirements for PCBs and products containing PCBs that are not processed daily or used; and, Sets deadlines to end the storage of PCBs and products containing PCBs and send them for their destruction.
- Part 4 Specifies the labelling, record keeping and reporting requirements for PCBs and products containing PCBs in order to track the progress of ending the use, storage of PCBs and products containing PCBs, and their destruction.

Who Should Attend?

Hazardous waste storage/transfer site companies, destruction facilities, utility companies, building managers, owners of PCBs and products containing PCBs at drinking water treatment plants, food or feed processing plants, child care facilities, preschool, primary or secondary schools, hospitals, senior citizens' care facilities and anyone who may have PCBs in-use or stored at their facilities.

Interested in attending one of these Information Sessions?

Please complete the applicable registration form(s) attached below and return it to

Lissa Cattunar
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604-666-6800 (fax)

If you require more information, please contact Lissa at (604-666-6440) or at e-mail address above. Environment Canada will confirm your registration and provide additional information to you by e-mail.

Feel free to share this information with colleagues who you think may be interested.



PCB Regulations Information Session Registration Form

If you are interested in attending one of the following two Information Sessions, please complete this form and return it to Lissa Cattunar of Environment Canada by fax (604-666-6800) or e-mail (PCB.PYR@ec.gc.ca) by January 19, 2009.

For more info on the *PCB Regulations* go to:

<http://www.ec.gc.ca/CEPARRegistry/regulations/detailReg.cfm?intReg=105>

1. Location Preference (Information Session is from 9:00am to 4:30pm)

- Vancouver, BC ...January 29, 2009** Environment Canada, 401 Burrard St.,
Boardroom C, Vancouver, BC (604) 664-9100
- Whitehorse, YK.... February 19, 2009** Westmark Whitehorse Hotel & Conference Center
201 Wood Street, Whitehorse, (867) 393-9700

2. Attendee Details (one per participant)

Name of Participant: _____

Job Title: _____

Organization Name: _____

Participant e-mail: _____

Participant Telephone #: _____

Organization Address: _____

- Facility Type(s):**
- Drinking water treatment plant
 - Food or feed processing plant
 - Child care facility
 - Preschool, primary or secondary school
 - Hospital
 - Senior citizens' care facility
 - Storage Facility
 - Transfer Site
 - Destruction Facility
 - Utility company
 - Other: _____

****Note: Lunch will not be provided at the Information Sessions****