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British Columbia's Thermostat Recycling Plans

In accordance with British Columbia's Recycling Regulations, the Heating, Refrigeration and Air Conditioning Institute of Canada (HRAI), with the support of the Canadian Institute of Plumbing and Heating (CIPH), is submitting an Industry Stewardship Plan (ISP) on behalf of manufacturers and distributors responsible for selling mercury-containing thermostats into BC.

The ISP builds on and expands the existing Switch the 'Stat™ program managed by Clean Air Foundation (CAF), which focuses on thermostat collection from heating, ventilation and air conditioning (HVAC) contractors and wholesalers in BC.

The ultimate goal in preparing this ISP is to develop and deliver a national harmonized program across Canada for the collection and recycling of thermostats. The intention of this ISP is to create a program that satisfies the obligations for thermostat manufacturers under the Ontario MHSW Program, and the British Columbia Recycling Regulation, and then expand that program and infrastructure more fully to a national scope as other provinces start to require these plans.

Industry has till 2012 to develop further plans for appliances, boilers/furnaces, and water treatment devices to comply with the BC recycling regulations.

The draft plan for the British Columbia Thermostat Stewardship Program is now available at <http://www.summerhillgroup.ca/eng/impact/programs/switch-the-stat-bc-plan.php>

Clean Air Foundation is hosting consultation meetings scheduled for the review of the draft BC Thermostat Stewardship program plan at the following locations and dates:

11:00 am - 12:30 pm, Monday, October 19, 2009
Travel Lodge Hotel Richmond
3071 St. Edwards Dr., Richmond, BC

2:00 - 3:30 pm, Wednesday, October 21, 2009
(same date & location as the Coast Waste Management conference)
Westin Bear Mountain Golf Resort & Spa
1999 Country Club Way, Victoria, BC

10:00 - 11:30 am, Monday, October 26, 2009
via webinar
(call-in and log-in details will be provided to those who RSVP)





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10:00 - 11:30 am, Friday, October 30, 2009

via webinar

(call-in and log-in details will be provided to those who RSVP)

Please RSVP on Friday, October 16 to let us know which meeting you plan to attend. Please note that if it appears that there is insufficient attendance for any of the meetings, participants will be contacted to make alternative arrangements.

The draft program plan will be available prior to the meetings and will be posted on the web sites of the Clean Air Foundation and Heating, Refrigeration, Air Conditioning Institute of Canada (HRAI).

If you cannot participate in the consultations at the times/locations listed above but would like to share your thoughts on the draft plan, please contact us to make alternative arrangements. In addition, you are invited to submit written comments to the plan until November 16, 2009.

To submit written comments, or to RSVP for the consultations, please contact Jenna Bentley at

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We look forward to meeting with you to discuss the British Columbia stewardship plan for thermostats.

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