



Learning and Developmental Disabilities Initiative

[of the Collaborative on Health and the Environment](#)



Biweekly Bulletin July 29, 2009

This bulletin lists upcoming events plus recent announcements, news and journal articles, calls for proposals and other items related to learning and developmental disabilities and environmental health. They are archived and searchable on LDDI's website:

<http://www.iceh.org/LDDIbulletins.html>

LDDI Highlights

LDDI Biomonitoring Project

This is well underway, with most samples collected and sent to labs for testing of various toxic chemicals. Results will come back by the end of summer, and a report will follow by this fall. For more information on the LDDI biomonitoring project, contact Laura Abulafia, National Co-coordinator of LDDI: laura@healthandenvironment.org. This is a collaborative project between LDDI and Coming Clean, through Commonweal.

Meeting with EPA Representatives

LDDI partner organizations Learning Disabilities Association of America (LDA) and American Association on Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities (AAIDD) plan to meet with EPA representatives this week to discuss the state of neurotoxins in the environment and learning and developmental disabilities. This is part of an ongoing discussion between LDDI and EPA staff on the need to better regulate chemicals at the federal level.

Mental Health Working Group

The LDDI Mental Health working group met recently to discuss various ongoing projects, such as a pesticide review article, clinician and patient materials, and expanding the group through the NADD's efforts. To join this group or for more information, contact Ed Seliger, Environmental Health Project Coordinator: eseliger@thenadd.org. LDDI's Mental Health Working Group next conference call is scheduled for Thursday August 27th, hosted by the National Association for the Dually Diagnosed (NADD).

Column Coming on Endocrine-disrupting Chemicals

A recently released report from the Endocrine Society entitled Endocrine-disrupting Chemicals: An Endocrine Society Scientific Statement, is the basis of a new Practice Prevention column that LDDI will develop in the coming weeks.

Educational Forum October 2nd

LDDI core partners including the American Association on Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities (AAIDD), the Autism Society of America (ASA), and the Learning Disability Association of America (LDA) are working together to organize an educational forum on Toxic Chemicals and Public Health in Chicago, Illinois, on October 2nd. This meeting will have presentations from Illinois policymakers, professionals in public health and medicine, and concerned citizens. The save-the-date announcement is posted at www.ehinitiative.org. For more information, contact Laura Abulafia, Director of Education and Outreach for AAIDD's Environmental Health Initiative: laura@aaidd.org.

NADD Conference

NADD's 26th Annual Conference & Exhibit Show will be held October 21st to 23rd in New

Orleans. A preconference session titled Neurotoxic Agents will include panel presenters John McLaughlin, Mary Burke and Carolyn Graff, moderated by Elise Miller, MEd. See the [conference website](#) for details.

Upcoming Events

Online Calendar. These and more upcoming events are listed in a searchable calendar: <http://www.healthandenvironment.org/cgi-bin/searchevents.cgi>

1) Great Lakes Restoration Initiative Meetings

three remaining meetings from July 29 - August 4, 2009
Rochester, New York; East Lansing, Michigan; and Duluth, Minnesota
Sponsor: US Environmental Protection Agency

The Environmental Protection Agency will host public meetings in each of the Great Lakes states to discuss the federal government's draft action plan for restoring the Great Lakes. The goal of this federal multi-agency, multi-year initiative is to address the most urgent problems affecting the lakes. EPA and other federal agencies have identified five principal areas on which to focus efforts: 1) toxic substances and areas of concern; 2) invasive species; 3) near-shore health and runoff; 4) habitat and wildlife protection and restoration; and 5) accountability, monitoring, evaluation, communication and partnerships.

Price: free

[Visit the website](#)

2) Workshop on PCBs in the Lower Columbia and Willamette Rivers

Thursday July 30, 2009
8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Portland, Oregon
at the Port of Portland, 121 NW Everett

Sponsor: US Environmental Protection Agency Region 10

The workshop has four purposes: exchange information on PCB characterization, exchange information on current and new monitoring methods, exchange information on future and proposed PCB reduction efforts, and follow up on focus on PCBs in the State of the River Report.

Price: free, but preregistration is requested

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3) Model School Siting Guidelines

Wednesday August 5, 2009
noon Eastern time

Sponsor: Center for Health, Environment & Justice

This is the second of a three-part conference call series on community impacts of the lack of laws preventing the building of schools on or near sources of pollution. Objectives include 1) identifying key components of safe school-siting policies, 2) understanding the type of school-siting policies your own state has passed, and 3) understanding the process that goes into choosing a safe site.

Price: free

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4) A Public Speaking Workshop with Rob Mostow

Tuesday August 11, 2009

10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Washington, DC

at the National Research Center for Women & Families Conference Room, 1701 K Street NW, Suite 700 (building entrance is on 17th Street near K Street)

Sponsor: National Research Center for Women & Families

Whether you're an intern in Washington, the head of a company or nonprofit, or anything in between -- if it's time to go to the next level, your public speaking may be holding you back. Public speaking classes and coaches usually cost thousands of dollars. This is a unique opportunity to get three hours of great training in a small group at a very affordable price. You can learn by watching others be trained, or you can be one of several volunteers who make a five-minute presentation that is watched, praised, and critiqued by other workshop participants and the workshop leader.

Price: \$115 per participant from a 501(c)(3) organization or student, \$145 for all others

Contact: Rob Mostow, rob.mostow@gmail.com

5) A Media Training Workshop with Suzanne Turner

1:00 - 4:00 p.m. on Thursday August 13 or noon - 3:00 p.m. on Tuesday, August 18, 2009 (choose one session)

Washington, DC

at the National Research Center for Women & Families Conference Room, 1701 K Street NW, Suite 700 (building entrance is on 17th Street near K Street)

Sponsor: National Research Center for Women & Families

News is shaped by PR experts, most of them highly paid to get the message out. How can researchers, experts who care about the public good, and nonprofit organizations that don't have big bucks make sure that their voices are also heard? Turner Strategies has designed and developed communications campaigns that have helped pass more than 40 pieces of legislation. Their team has worked for nonprofit organizations as well as Fortune 500 companies, devising effective branding and marketing campaigns. Thanks to their guidance, participants in this workshop will learn strategies and useful information that they can use to make their voices heard on important issues. Media training usually costs hundreds of dollars per hour; this is a great opportunity to get three hours of great training at an affordable price. Lunch will be served.

Price: \$95 per participant from 501(c)(3) organizations, \$200 per participant for all others. If you sign up after August 5, add \$20.

Contact: Emily Hartman, 202-223-4000 or info@center4research.org

6) Train the Trainer: Lead Safe Renovation Under the New EPA RRP Rule

Monday and Tuesday, August 17 - 18, 2009

Chicago, Illinois

Sponsor: NeighborWorks America

Under new US EPA regulations, all firms conducting rehab or significant repairs in pre-1978 buildings will have to be certified to work safely around lead-based paint. By April 2010, at least 200,000 individuals will need to be trained as Lead-Safe Renovators. Although this Renovation, Repair, and Painting (RRP) Rule will provide compliance challenges, it also provides an opportunity for community-based housing organizations to earn revenue while assisting in building community capacity by becoming RRP Trainers. This course will familiarize construction/rehab specialists, training managers, trainers, asset managers and agency leaders on how to deliver EPA-approved RRP training to contractors and property managers. Participants will become familiar with the rule, led through the delivery of the eight-hour Renovator course, and be provided with an

overview of what is required to become an accredited trainer. Hints and tips on successfully marketing the class and earning revenue will also be presented.

Price: \$430

[Visit the website](#)

Contact: 202- 220-2300

7) Pass a Safe School Siting Policy

Wednesday August 19, 2009

noon Eastern time

Sponsor: Center for Health, Environment & Justice

This is the third of a three-part conference call series on community impacts of the lack of laws preventing the building of schools on or near sources of pollution. Objectives include 1) identifying different strategies in passing a school-siting policy, 2) understanding the steps toward creating a campaign strategy and media plan, and 3) understanding general best practices in passing policy.

Price: free

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8) Nurses Championing the Health of Minority Communities through a Greener Environment

Saturday August 22, 2009

8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

at Thomas Jefferson University, Bluemle Life Sciences Building, Room 101, 10th & Locust Streets

Sponsor: Theta Chapter, Chi Eta Phi Sorority Inc.; Women's Health & Environmental Network; Thomas Jefferson University Hospital's Office to Advance Population Health; supported by a grant from Health Care Without Harm

Vital information about how exposures to harmful ingredients can impact health is not reaching minority communities. As the public's most trusted professionals, nurses have a critical role to play in sharing current findings with vulnerable populations. This training will be on safer personal care products, sustainable food and making health care safer and healthier for people and the environment. This program is designed for nurses working in minority communities in the Philadelphia region. Nursing contact hours will be awarded.

Price: unknown

Contact: 1-800-JEFF-NOW

Announcements & Articles

A daily news feed with these articles and announcements is now available on CHE's website: <http://www.healthandenvironment.org/news/announce>.

[Job opening: ASTHO, Virginia.](#)

The Association of State and Territorial Health Officials (ASTHO) seeks a director of environmental health who will be responsible for directing policy development and analysis, plus program implementation on environmental health issues that may include issues such as climate change, natural disasters, land use, healthy housing, chemical exposure, food safety, safe water, and environmental health infrastructure and capacity.

[Request for comments: Lead Wheel Weights.](#)

The petition requests that EPA establish regulations prohibiting the manufacture, processing, and distribution in commerce of lead wheel balancing weights. Comments must be received on or before July 30, 2009.

[New report: State Leadership in Formulating and Reforming Chemicals Policy: Actions Taken and Lessons Learned.](#)

This report examines states' emerging leadership in reforming the way chemicals in commerce are managed and analyzes chemicals policies that have been proposed or implemented at the state level. Lowell Center for Sustainable Production at the University of Massachusetts Lowell.

[New report: WHO Guidelines for Indoor Air Quality: Dampness and Mould.](#)

This document provides a comprehensive review of the scientific evidence on health problems associated with building moisture and biological agents. The review concludes that the most important effects are increased prevalences of respiratory symptoms, allergies and asthma as well as perturbation of the immunological system. World Health Organisation.

[New report: Toxicological Profile for Perfluoroalkyls.](#)

This peer-reviewed profile identifies and reviews the key literature that describes a hazardous substance's toxicologic properties. Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry.

[Call for proposals: Environmental Implications of Emerging Technologies.](#)

Fundamental and basic research is sought to establish and understand outcomes as a result of the implementation of new technologies such as nanotechnology, biotechnology, and information technology. The application closing date is September 17th.

[Lead poisoning prevention: a challenge to local churches.](#)

Tuesday, July 28, 2009

Churches that run day care centers, children's ministries and/or nurseries should be sure to test areas in the church that house children related activities for lead poisoning. Examiner.com.

[See a related article: [Deadly dust](#)]

[Depressed and confused? Let the sun shine.](#)

Tuesday, July 28, 2009

Rainy days have long been tied to a poor mood, while sunshine often lifts one's spirits. A new study now suggests that a lack of sunlight is associated with reduced cognitive function among depressed people as well. Los Angeles Times.

[Soldiers brought sickness from Iraq.](#)

Tuesday, July 28, 2009

Dozens of National Guard veterans have sued KBR and two subsidiaries, accusing them of minimizing and concealing the dangers of hexavalent chromium, then downplaying health problems. The debate has rippled to Capitol Hill, raising broader questions about private contractors and health risks in war zones. Milwaukee Journal Sentinel, Wisconsin.

[Labels on fortified foods are wildly inaccurate.](#)

Tuesday, July 28, 2009

A decade after Canada adopted a groundbreaking policy of fortifying flour-based products to prevent birth defects, the levels of folic acid purported to be in foods remain wildly inaccurate, new research reveals. Toronto Globe and Mail, Ontario.

[Is sunscreen safe?](#)

Tuesday, July 28, 2009

Sunscreen protects us from the harmful rays of the sun. But sunscreen also contains chemicals which can seep into the body, or seep into water and affect aquatic life, as well as drinking water. Frederick News-Post, Maryland.

[Dry cleaners leave a toxic legacy.](#)

Sunday, July 26, 2009

Over the years, with little if any notice to the public, the often sloppy use of perchloroethylene has poisoned hundreds of sites in Illinois. As scientists linked perc exposure to cancer, liver damage, neurological problems and other ailments, regulators found problems in virtually every town with a dry cleaner. Chicago Tribune, Illinois.

[See a related article: [Illinois EPA proposal could lead to tougher cleanup rules at dry cleaner sites](#)]

[Chemical drift a growing concern for rural residents.](#)

Sunday, July 26, 2009

State legislatures throughout the country are grappling with chemical drift from farm fields and the conflict between the rights and pressures of farming and the rights and health of rural residents. Peoria Journal Star, Illinois.

[Wellness 101: What is environmental wellness?](#)

Saturday, July 25, 2009

Environmental wellness is one of the seven dimensions of wellness. By promoting environmental wellness, one can decrease one's risk for chronic illness and other health issues. Examiner.com.

[Poorest more likely to suffer catastrophic health problems.](#)

Saturday, July 25, 2009

People in Milwaukee's poorest areas are much more likely than those in high-income neighborhoods to get lead poisoning, have sexually transmitted diseases or fare poorly on women's health issues, according to a new study. Milwaukee Journal Sentinel, Wisconsin.

[Beware these household chemicals.](#)

Saturday, July 25, 2009

Two specific groups of chemicals are the source of considerable concern these days -- volatile organic compounds and phthalates. Here's what you need to know about how they affect your air. Los Angeles Times, California.

[See an article about phthalate exposure: [Phthalate exposure through medication](#) and another about regulating VOCs in paints and finishes: [State rolls out new paint law to reduce harmful fumes](#)]

[How to have healthier air in your home.](#)

Saturday, July 25, 2009

For the most part, the air you breathe while you're at home isn't nearly as clean as the air you breathe while you're outside. Los Angeles Times, California. 25 July 2009.

[See a similar article: [Improve air quality in your nursery and protect your baby's health](#)]

[Report slams FEMA on health hazard in emergency housing.](#)

Friday, July 24, 2009

In the wake of hurricanes Katrina and Rita, FEMA was slow to address early signs of formaldehyde problems in emergency housing and overstated actions it was taking to address the problem, according to a report released Thursday by a federal inspector general. CNN.

[Consumer products could be major C8 source, study says.](#)

Friday, July 24, 2009

Everyday consumer products such as stain repellants and paper coatings may be a "significant source" of the toxic chemical C8 [also called PFOA], according to a new U.S. Environmental Protection Agency study. Charleston Gazette, West Virginia.

[Swine flu may cause seizures in children.](#)

Friday, July 24, 2009

Public health experts expect to see more cases of children who develop swine-flu-related neurological complications, because flu-related brain complications are more common in children than adults and swine flu seems to infect children more often than adults. New

York Times.

[See a related article: [Fears that swine flu can attack unborn](#)]

[EPA vows to examine hazardous waste impact on poor communities.](#)

Thursday, July 23, 2009

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency vowed Tuesday to home in on the impact of hazardous waste recycling plants on minorities and low-income communities. Los Angeles Times, California.

[Missouri tracks environmental health risks.](#)

Thursday, July 23, 2009

Missouri and federal agencies have teamed up to keep track of environmental hazards and chronic diseases and hopefully find links between the two. St. Louis Post-Dispatch, Missouri.

[Red meat and poultry: two major sources of PBDE exposure in the US.](#)

Wednesday, July 22, 2009

People who eat meat and poultry have significantly higher levels of common flame retardants compared to vegetarians. The findings indicate that food may be a more important source of the contaminants, known as PBDEs, than previously thought.

[Oregon cuts program to track pesticide use.](#)

Wednesday, July 22, 2009

The second annual report on Oregon pesticide use is likely to be the last. Just as the report from the Department of Agriculture went to press, the program was cut as a casualty of state budget problems. Seattle Times.

[Companies with operations in Washington illegally export electronic waste to Hong Kong.](#)

Wednesday, July 22, 2009

In April the companies allegedly prepared for shipment and sent to Hong Kong a container holding over 500 used color computer monitors of assorted makes and models. The Hong Kong Environmental Protection Department notified EPA of the hazardous waste and returned it to the Port of Tacoma in May. US Environmental Protection Agency.

[The complexities of greening your lawn.](#)

Wednesday, July 22, 2009

Lawn and garden products are marketed as thoroughly tested, registered with the Environmental Protection Agency, and safe to use -- with an important caveat: If used properly. Philadelphia Inquirer, Pennsylvania.

[Styrene industry sues to halt California Prop. 65 cancer listing.](#)

Wednesday, July 22, 2009

The \$28 billion styrene industry has filed a lawsuit in Sacramento Superior Court to block California environmental officials from listing the product as a cause of cancer and birth defects. Sacramento Bee, California.

[Kicking the habit in pregnancy better for babies.](#)

Wednesday, July 22, 2009

Moms-to-be who smoke but quit early in pregnancy can sharply reduce their risk of having a premature or too-small baby, new research in the journal Obstetrics & Gynecology shows. Reuters Health.

[See a related article: [Fewer in state smoke while pregnant](#)]

[Are your children's toys safe? Supporters of new rules show which playthings could hurt kids.](#)

Wednesday, July 22, 2009

The Children's Safe Product Act would require toy manufacturers who have products on shelves in Michigan to notify the state government of any chemicals present in the toys that are known to be hazardous to children, including lead, arsenic, bromine, cadmium and mercury. Kalamazoo Gazette, Michigan.

[See a related article: [Product safety chief: Keep kids' products safe or else](#)]

[Attack on noneconomic damages cap fails in top court.](#)

Wednesday, July 22, 2009

In a defeat for lead-poisoning victims, the Maryland Court of Appeals ruled Tuesday that the state's cap on noneconomic damages applies to claims brought under the Consumer Protection Act. Baltimore Daily Record, Maryland.

[Children more vulnerable to pesticides until age 7 due to lower enzyme level.](#)

Tuesday, July 21, 2009

A new study finds that young children have significantly lower levels of a key enzyme that protects against the toxic effects of certain pesticides. The youngsters' enzyme levels do not catch up to an adult's until after age seven -- far longer than previously thought. Environmental Health News.

[Drugs expose many premature babies to chemicals.](#)

Tuesday, July 21, 2009

Premature babies are often exposed to additives in their medications that could put them at risk of brain and lung damage, according to a new study. Reuters Health.

[See a similar article: [IV tube chemical linked to premie liver woes](#)]

[Isotopes finger fertilizer's perchlorate legacy.](#)

Monday, July 20, 2009

Perchlorate-contaminated groundwater could be a widespread legacy of the U.S.'s agricultural past, according to researchers who have pioneered perchlorate forensics. Environmental Science & Technology.

[Study links kids' lower IQ scores to prenatal pollution exposure.](#)

Monday, July 20, 2009

Researchers for the first time have linked air pollution exposure before birth with lower IQ scores in childhood, bolstering evidence that smog may harm the developing brain. Associated Press.

[Officials fish for solution for Trinity River, poisoned with PCBs.](#)

Sunday, July 19, 2009

Storms over factories, warehouses and truck terminals wash old industrial poisons into ditches and sad ponds dug beside the levee. When the rain is heavy, workers turn on big pumps and flush the water, chemicals and all, into the river. In time, the biggest fish in the river held so much poison that it became dangerous for people to eat them. Dallas Morning News, Texas.

[See a similar article about fish advisories in Alabama: [State issues new mercury warning in Escambia County, Ala., and upgrades fish consumption advisories on Fish and Escatawpa rivers](#), one from Kentucky: [State warns about eating fish from some Ky. waters](#) and two about advisories in Michigan: [Tips to safely eat Saginaw Bay Watershed fish](#) and [Michigan's do-not-eat fish list online doesn't reach enough anglers](#)]

[State, Alcoa still in landfill talks.](#)

Saturday, July 18, 2009

An old unlined landfill, containing industrial waste consolidated throughout Alcoa's former 218-acre property, is leaching pollution into groundwater. Clark Columbian, Washington.

[State identifies toxic chemicals.](#)

Saturday, July 18, 2009

The Maine Department of Environmental Protection and the Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention on Friday released a list of about 1,700 "chemicals of high concern" -- substances used in manufacturing common consumer goods that pose a significant risk to human health. Bangor Daily News, Maine.

[Feds studying cement hazards at Midlothian, Texas.](#)

Saturday, July 18, 2009

A sweeping new federal study may finally answer the question that environmentalists, industry leaders, politicians and scientists have argued about for at least 20 years: Just

how toxic is the air around the nation's largest concentration of cement plants in Midlothian? Associated Press.

[Pesticide too risky for chemical giant -- but not for Australia.](#)

Friday, July 17, 2009

Bayer is expected to end global sales of endosulfan, replacing the toxic pesticide with safer alternatives. But the Government's pesticides authority maintains the chemical is safe for use on a wide range of crops. Sydney Morning Herald, Australia.

[See a related article about Florida residents' fight against pesticide use: [Tampa residents defeat pesticide use at golf course](#), one about a new ban in New Brunswick: [N.B. releases banned pesticide list](#), and another about proposed regulation in California: [Critics take aim at new strawberry pesticide](#)]

[Autism: It's the environment, not just doctors diagnosing more disease.](#)

Thursday, July 16, 2009

California's sevenfold increase in autism cannot be explained by changes in doctors' diagnoses and most likely is due to environmental exposures, University of California scientists reported Thursday. San Francisco Chronicle.

[Is organic food more nutritious?](#)

Thursday, July 16, 2009

The truth is, the belief that organic produce is nutritionally superior to conventionally farmed is only mildly supported by scientific evidence. Vancouver Courier, Canada.

[A burning health issue between neighbors.](#)

Thursday, July 16, 2009

Because of increased risk of cancer, asthma and other health problems, the state last year imposed rules governing how outdoor wood boilers can be used. Worcester Telegram & Gazette, Massachusetts.

[Pesticides may raise Alzheimer's risk.](#)

Thursday, July 16, 2009

Exposure to pesticides may have long-term effects on the nervous system, increasing the risk of Alzheimer's disease in late life, a new study suggests. WebMD.

[See a related article: [Vitamin D, curcumin may help clear amyloid plaques found in Alzheimer's Disease](#)]

[Orange County school district sues engineers for approving school site on former bombing range.](#)

Thursday, July 16, 2009

The Orange County school district is suing two engineering companies that gave the green light to build a middle school on a World War II-era bombing range where tons of bomb debris and hundreds of unexploded bombs and rockets have been unearthed. Orlando Sentinel, Florida.

[California panel decides against requiring warning labels for products containing bisphenol A.](#)

Thursday, July 16, 2009

A state panel will not require warning labels on metal cans, plastic bottles and other products that contain bisphenol A, despite more than 200 studies that have linked the chemical to cancer and reproductive problems. Los Angeles Times.

[Scavenging hazardous 'e-waste' for a few redeemables.](#)

Thursday, July 16, 2009

Agbogbloshe's growing mountain of hazardous electronic waste, is also a stark example of the West's continued abuse of Africa, critics say: The rich world not only extracts resources from the continent, it also uses it as a trash bin. Washington Post.

[Toxic work: Know your rights.](#)

Wednesday, July 15, 2009

Under the Workplace Hazardous Materials Information System, which became federal

legislation in 1988, all Canadian workers have the inalienable right to know what is in their workplace environment, and the right to participate in choosing healthier substitutions. Vancouver Tyee, Canada.

[Dust contributes to exposures of three common contaminants.](#)

Wednesday, July 15, 2009

Chemicals heavily used in everyday products can end up in dust and increase people's exposure to the contaminants, reports a study by Belgium researchers who calculated exposure to bisphenol A, an antibacterial agent and a flame retardant through dust. Environmental Health News.

[11 surprising facts and myths about microwave ovens.](#)

Wednesday, July 15, 2009

Microwaves are energy efficient and convenient. But what does the radiation do to our food, and can it affect our health? The prevailing consensus is that microwave ovens are safe when used as directed. However, there may be some legitimate questions about their safety. The Daily Green.

[Environmental groups want state to upgrade beach water quality.](#)

Wednesday, July 15, 2009

Depending upon summer storm overflow, ocean dumping, and other forms of nonpoint pollution, you may be floating in a veritable vegetable soup of trash, lawn chemicals and waste, including raw sewage, when you swim at your local New Jersey beach. Asbury Park Press, New Jersey.

[How safe is the water near the TVA ash spill site?](#)

Wednesday, July 15, 2009

Fishermen are casting lines and children are swimming downstream of TVA's ash spill around areas that a new report says have shown high levels of arsenic and other potentially toxic substances. Nashville Tennessean, Tennessee.

[State high court denies 'defective design' claim in lead paint lawsuit.](#)

Wednesday, July 01, 2009

The makers of a substance once commonly used in house paint won a partial victory Tuesday when the Wisconsin Supreme Court found that makers of lead pigment could not be sued on a claim of using a defective design for the product. Milwaukee Journal Sentinel, Wisconsin.

*Most of the news articles above come from Environmental Health News,
<http://www.environmentalhealthnews.org/>*

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Companion bulletins are available for different audiences:

- For those interested in general children's environmental health: http://www.healthandenvironment.org/working_groups/childrens_health/bulletins
- For those interested in environmental health in Washington State and the Pacific Northwest: <http://washington.chenw.org/bulletins.html>

While there is overlap with this bulletin, there are some events and announcements unique to those bulletins.

If you would like to join the Collaborative on Health and the Environment (CHE) and the LDDI Working Group, please complete the application on the CHE website: <http://www.healthandenvironment.org/application> Joining CHE means receiving up to four email messages a month from the CHE National listserv. CHE costs nothing to join and the benefit is shared information and opportunities for further engagement, if you choose. Be sure to mark that you want to join the Learning and Developmental Disabilities Initiative Working Group at the bottom of the application.

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