

Member Bulletin

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Occupational Exposure Limits for Styrene *New WorkSafe BC Proposal regarding OELs for Styrene*

This morning CMMA, aided by one of our members, became aware that WorkSafe BC has made a new proposal regarding OELs for Styrene.

As this may have an impact on our industry, specifically boat manufacturers, repair facilities or those manufacturing products where styrene is emitted, CMMA has taken the following steps:

- We have asked our public affairs consultants (Global Public Affairs) to provide background policy research on this matter.
- We have asked the Canadian Plastics Industry Association for their help and input. CMMA is a full national member of the CPIA. The CPIA represents BC plastics industry companies in these matters and has significant technical resources at its disposal.
- We have asked the NMMA for some US background information on the ACGIH and where these standards may be in use in the USA.

We will report back to our industry on information gathered on this subject as soon as we have substantive information to share.

In the meantime I would like to ask the following:

- Take the time to download and read the WSBC proposal.
- Advise CMMA of any thoughts or comments by way of an email (please send to scurrie@cmma.ca).
- Share this message with any company you feel may be impacted by this proposed regulation.

The original correspondence from Worksafe BC is attached. [Click here](#) to view or download a copy of the discussion paper.



**Discussion Paper:
Occupational Exposure Limits for Styrene**

August 2, 2007

Dear Stakeholder:

The Board of Directors, at its July 2007 meeting, approved the release of a Discussion Paper regarding the occupational exposure limits for styrene. At issue is whether WorkSafeBC should maintain the occupational exposure limits established in WorkSafeBC Policy R5.48-1, or adopt the threshold limit values set by the American Conference of Governmental Industrial Hygienists (ACGIH).

Stakeholders are invited to provide comments on the Discussion Paper, which can be accessed via the WorkSafeBC website or the link below.

[Discussion Paper - OELs for styrene](#)

We look forward to your comments. Written submissions will be accepted until **4:30 pm on Wednesday, October 10, 2007**. All feedback received will be presented to the Board of Directors for consideration. The Board of Directors governs WorkSafeBC and makes decisions on policy.

Sincerely,

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