

Toxics use reduction (TUR) activities in Canada -- People and organisations

3.2 Provincial/Territorial focus - Alberta

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Alberta Environmental Network	Myles Kitagawa Lindsay Telfer, Co-Managers	2 - 6328A 104 St. NW Edmonton, Alberta T6H 2K9	780-439-1916 F: 780-433-3792	http://www.aenweb.ca/ E-mail: via http://www.aenweb.ca/contact	Network of provincial non-profit NGOs demonstrating sincere concern and action toward a healthier environment. Canadian Environmental Network regional affiliate established in 1980. Does not take stands on substantive issues. Caucuses and working groups about agriculture, environmental action, clean energy/air, parks, toxics/waste avoidance, oil sands, water quality and nuclear.	Facilitate sharing of information and resources among members. Assist them to take common action. Share information with general public and, where appropriate, interested stakeholders. Facilitate meetings and members' participation in meetings and consultation with government and/or industry.	"Dispatches" electronic bulletin board about members' activities and materials, including pesticides and other toxic substances.	See list on website.	Canadian Environmental Network	Air quality Chemicals Environment Health Mining Network Pesticides and alternatives Training/workshops Waste Water quality
Alberta Federation of Labour (AFL)	Jason Foster (responsible for health and safety)	10654 - 101 St. Edmonton, Alberta T5H 2S1	800-661-3995 780-483-3021 F: 780-484-5928	http://www.afl.org E-mail: afl(at)afl.org	Provincial federation of 27 unions from public and private sectors, representing about 137,000 workers. Has environment and health and safety committees.	Central voice for unions and working people in Alberta.	Publications and policies include: • Our children's Alberta: Fighting for jobs and the environment • Green jobs: It's time to build Alberta's future.	See list on website.	Green jobs report: • Sierra Club Prairie Chapter • Greenpeace	Chemicals Environment Green jobs Health Labour Occupation Right-to-know Training/workshops Workplaces

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Alberta Workers Health Centre	Kevin Flaherty, Executive Director	300-10140 117 St. NW. Edmonton, Alberta T5K 1X3	780-486-9009 F: 780-483-7632	www.workershealthcentre.ca E-mail: info(at)workershealthcentre.ca	Since 1983, helping workers with OHS concerns. Innovative and engaging programmes and services include: • education and information to help solve workplace health and safety problems, • emphasis on young workers, promoting OHS in schools, post-secondary institutions • raising awareness in community	Help improve the health and safety of Alberta's workplaces. Help those who have suffered from workplace injuries and illness.	Providing information about alternatives to toxic substances. Plays about right-to-know for high school and junior high (Work plays). Workus project (story-collecting, story-telling mobile installation). Engages community in processes of education and change that lead (amongst other things) to eliminating or reducing workplace hazards linked to illness and/or disease.			Cancer Chemicals Environment Health Indoor air quality Occupation Right-to-know Schools Training/workshops Workplaces
Barrhead Cleaners	Mr. Lane Lee	Box 4134 5013 51 St. Barrhead, Alberta T7N 1A1	780-674-4665		Dry cleaning company.		Installed state-of-the-art dry-to-dry, no-vent, refrigerated dry cleaning machines in 1991: • solvent -- perchloroethylene (perc) -- use down by 60% • less sludge to be disposed of as hazardous waste • airborne perc levels reduced by + 75%		Cited by C2P2 Pollution Prevention Canadian success stories.	Business Chemicals Environment Health Occupation Pollution prevention Workplaces
Cancer Prevention Programmes, Alberta Health Services (formerly Alberta Cancer Board)	Corey Parker, Leader, Environment Unit	Box ACB, 2210 - 2nd St. SW Calgary, Alberta T2S 3C3	403-355-3270 F: 403-355-3292	E-mail: corinnep(at)cancerboard.ab.ca	Now part of Alberta Health Services, former Alberta Cancer Board programme focuses on environmental and occupational links to cancer. Works in partnership with Alberta Employment and Immigration to develop comprehensive provincial occupational cancer prevention strategy.	Committed to eliminating or reducing known carcinogens in occupational and environmental settings, and limiting exposures to them.	New occupational disease unit in Alberta Occupational Cancer Prevention Project will develop a new long-term strategy to track and prevent occupational diseases, especially cancer. Tomorrow Project is tracking up to 50,000 Albertans to study connections between lifestyle, inherited factors and cancer; includes occupational and environmental exposure questions.			Cancer Chemicals Environment Health Health care NGO Occupation Research Surveillance

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Clean Air Strategic Alliance (CASA)	Kerra Chomlak, Executive Director	10th Floor, 10035 108 St. NW Edmonton Alberta T5J 3E1	780-427-9793 F: 780-422-3127	http://www.casahome.org/ E-mail: casa(at)casahome.org	Multi-stakeholder partnership; representatives chosen by industry, government, NGOs. Set up in 1994 to manage Alberta air quality issues. Collects all provincial ambient air quality data. Recommends strategies to assess and improve provincial air quality. Committees/ project teams for several topics.	Make sure air has no adverse odour, taste or visual impact and no measurable short- or long-term adverse effects on people, animals or the environment.	Developing recommendations for government about renewed Alberta Clean Air Strategy. CASA Data Warehouse -- aka Alberta Ambient Air Data Management System -- is central Alberta ambient air quality database. Toxic substances monitored include volatile organics, polycyclic aromatic compounds, particulates.	Includes Alberta Environment		Air quality Chemicals Environment Health Indoor air quality Surveillance Training/ workshops
Clean Calgary Association	Natalie Odd, Executive Director	809 - 4th Avenue SW Calgary, Alberta T2P 0K5	403-230-1443 F: 403-398.0605	http://www.cleancalgary.org E-mail: info(at)cleancalgary.org	Around since 1975, offers environmental education, products and services. Works with businesses, schools and citizens concerned about wide variety of environmental issues.	Empowers Calgarians to create healthy homes and communities through environmental products, education and services.	Eco-store sells non-toxic cleaners, bio-degradable pens and other environmentally-friendly products. Publications include green cleaning and other guides ; also Waste Measurement Toolkit Assessments . Offers workshops about green cleaning for public and green purchasing policies for businesses.		Alberta Environmental Network Recycling Council of Alberta Alberta Plastics Recycling Association Global Environmental and Outdoor Education Council Green Teacher Green Communities Canada	Chemicals Cleaners Environment Green purchasing Health Household products NGO Training/ workshops Waste
Coalition for a Healthy Calgary		Box 72096 R.P.O. Glenmore Landing 1600 - 90th Ave. SW Calgary, Alberta T2V 5H9		http://www.healthycalgary.ca E-mail: info(at)healthycalgary.ca	Coalition of citizens, scientists, health care professionals, landscaping and horticultural professionals and health and environmental organizations. Incorporated April, 2007. Working on a cosmetic pesticide ban.	A Calgary where everyone has basic right met to clean air, water, and earth. A Calgary healthy for all residents sharing our space --people, pets, birds, insects and wildlife.	First campaign is for a cosmetic pesticide ban. 15 years after idea first introduced by Sierra Club, City drafting pesticide phase-out by-law (April, 2009). Anticipate other campaigns.	See list .	See list .	Air quality Coalition Environment Health Pesticides and alternatives Training/ workshops Water quality

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Pembina Institute		Box 7558 Drayton Valley, Alberta T7A 1S7	780-542-6272 F: 780-542-6464	http://www.pembina.org E-mail: via http://www.pembina.org/contact/55	Independent, not-for-profit environmental policy research and education institute. Started out pressing for better health and safety standards in oil and gas industry. Now focuses on energy industry's environmental health and other effects, climate change and other sustainability topics. GreenLearning programme designs resources for teachers.	Advance sustainable energy solutions using innovative research, education, consulting and advocacy. Working for world where how our needs are met protects earth's living systems, ensures clean air, land and water, prevents dangerous climate change and provides safe and just global community.	Oil sands watch project includes water quality and toxic waste issues. Genuine Progress Indicator , a holistic assessment tool, includes environmental factors such as air and water quality, agricultural sustainability (e.g., effects of using pesticides) and landfill and hazardous wastes.		See list on website.	Agriculture Air quality Chemicals Environment Health NGO Pesticides and alternatives Schools Training/workshops Waste Water quality
Prairie Water Watch	Lindsay Telfer, Co-ordinator	c/o Sierra Club Prairie Chapter 10008 82nd Ave. Edmonton Alberta T6E 1Z3	780-439-1160	http://www.prairiewaterwatch.ca	2009 statement of expectations of governments for Prairie watersheds. Want to ensure human use and management of fresh water protects quality and quantity for future generations. Themes include: • ensuring equal access to safe, secure and accessible drinking water • protecting and restoring aquatic and riparian ecosystems • strengthening governance.	Develop a Prairie-wide transition toward sustainable water management for region's watershed. Get the Prairie Water Directive accepted and implemented by governments.	Prairie Water Directive (full report and summary).	25 groups -- national and regional -- signed on initially.		Environment Health Pollution prevention Training/workshops Water quality
Sierra Club Prairie Chapter	Lindsay Telfer, Director	2nd Floor, 10008 82nd Ave. Edmonton, Alberta T6E 1Z3	780-439-1160 F: 780-485-9640	http://www.sierraclub.ca/prairie E-mail: prairiechapter@sierraclub.ca	Prairie section of the national organisation: • supports groups in Edmonton, Calgary, Saskatchewan and Winnipeg) • liaises between groups and national office • co-ordinates regional campaigns • leads advocacy efforts at regional or provincial levels.	Develop diverse, well-trained grass-roots network working to protect integrity of prairie ecosystems. Engage and activate communities about critical issues to provide solutions or challenge obstacles to sustainable and healthy communities for future generations.	Cosmetic pesticide bans. Challenging and preventing toxic waste sites. Tar Sands Time Out campaign. Land Academy Training programme for those trying to protect land and community (e.g., from effects of tar sands and proposed coalbed methane projects or proposed new upgraders) Green jobs: It's time to build Alberta's future.		Alberta Environmental Network Sierra Club of Canada Keepers of the Athabaska Pembina Institute Water Matters Green jobs report: • Alberta Federation of Labour • Greenpeace	Air quality Chemicals Environment Green jobs Health NGO Pesticides and alternatives Training/workshops Waste Water quality

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Toxics Watch Society of Alberta	Myles Kitagawa	1 - 6328A 104 St. NW Edmonton, Alberta T6H 2K9	780-439-1912 F: 780-433-3792	http://www.toxwatch.ca/ E-mail: via website	Independent, non-profit NGO. Blends advocacy and community projects to focus on environmental and public health issues related to toxic substances and pollution.	Improve quality of air, water, and life for all Albertans.	Advocated for Edmonton Right-to-Know bylaw in 1993. Participates in environmental consultations. Advocates for more eco-efficient development through industrial ecology, pollution prevention, and continuous improvement; and for better corporate environmental responsibility.		Alberta Environmental Network	Chemicals Environment Health NGO Pesticides and alternatives Pollution prevention Right-to-know Training/workshops
University of Alberta	Jeremy Beach, Associate Professor, Department of Medicine/ Environmental and Occupational Health, Epidemiology	13 - 103H Clinical Sciences Building, University of Alberta Edmonton, Alberta T6G 2G3	780-492-8175	http://www.comp.med.ualberta.ca/beach.htm E-mail: jeremy.beach(at)ualberta.ca	Professor, occupational medicine specialist and researcher.		Occupational lung disease, particularly occupational asthma. Health effects of pesticides. Health surveillance.			Academic Air quality Environment Health Indoor air quality Occupation Pesticides and alternatives Research Surveillance Training/workshops Workplaces
University of Alberta	Nicola Cherry, Professor, Environmental and Occupational Health, Epidemiology	12 - 102A Clinical Sciences Building, University of Alberta Edmonton, Alberta T6G 2G3	780-492-7851	http://www.comp.med.ualberta.ca/ E-mail: nicola.cherry(at)ualberta.ca	Professor, occupational epidemiologist.		Health surveillance. Interventions/changes and their evaluation Effects of chemicals on nervous and reproductive systems.			Academic Chemicals Health Occupation Research Surveillance Training/workshops Workplaces

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University of Alberta	Stephen G. Genuis, Clinical Associate Professor	Faculty of Medicine 2935 - 66 St. Edmonton, Alberta T6K 4C1	780-450-3504 (clinical practice)	E-mail: sgenuis(at)ualberta .ca	Certified in obstetrics/gynecology and environmental medicine. Writes about, and studies, environmental health and illnesses.		Reports, with David Boyd, about environmental burden of disease in Canada and New Brunswick . Writes about and practices medicine related to environmental illness and its effects.			Academic Air quality Chemicals Children Environment Environmental illness Health Occupation Respiratory diseases Research Surveillance Training/ workshops
University of Calgary	Tang Lee, Professor of Architecture	PF 3194, Professional Faculties Building 2500 University Dr. NW Calgary, Alberta T2N 1N4	403-220-6608	http://www.ucalgary.ca/evds/lee E-mail: lee(at)ucalgary.ca	Professor, architecture.		Indoor air investigations of workplaces (including schools) and homes. Sustainable buildings.			Academic Chemicals Environment Green buildings Health Indoor air quality Occupation Research Schools Training/ workshops Workplaces