

Life Cycle Management of Treated Wood - The Canadian Approach

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In July 1999, following a stakeholder consultation process, a report titled "Strategic Options for the Management of CEPA-Toxic Substances from the Wood Preservation Sector" was published. The report contained 52 recommendations designed to minimize the impact of releases of toxic substances throughout the complete life-cycle of treated wood. Since 1999, Environment Canada and Health Canada have been working with stakeholders on the implementation of those recommendations. Significant progress has been made in areas such as the implementation of best management practices (BMPs) by wood treatment facilities and consumer information. In other areas such as industrial use of treated wood and the development of a national waste management strategy, work is ongoing. This poster will provide a summary of the actions being pursued by the Government of Canada.