

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

3.11 Provincial/Territorial focus - Québec

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Acti-sol		1500 Principale St-Wenceslas, Quebec G0Z 1J0	819-224-4147 F: 819-224-4041	http://www.acti-sol.ca E-mail: info@acti-sol.ca	Produces dehydrated, pelletized fertilizer from layer hens' manure. Contains only traces of ammoniacal nitrogen, reducing chances of damaging plants and unpleasant odours. Used by homeowners, municipalities, large public gardens, companies, professional horticulture industry and several organic farms.	Manufacture and market 100% natural fertilizer made from hen manure.	Using hen manure for fertiliser.		Coalition for Alternatives to Pesticides (CAP)	Business Chemicals Environment Health Household products Pesticides and alternatives Pollution prevention Waste
Allergy and Environmental Health Association of Quebec (AEHAQ)	Rohini Peris, President Michel Gaudet, Vice-President and Spokesperson	6 Trianon Dollard-des-Ormeaux, Québec H9A 2H8	514-683-5701 F: 514-683-2468	http://www.aeha-quebec.ca/ E-mail: aehaq@aeha-quebec.ca	Non-profit organisation providing information, support, advocacy, newsletter and training about environmental sensitivities (ES). Working on environmentally adapted, social housing project for people suffering from ES.	Raise awareness about issues related to environmental sensitivities (ES). Support those with the condition, and their families.	Workplace-focused information about accommodation, awareness, building requirements, etc. How to cope with environmental sensitivities and travel information.		Environmental Health Association of Nova Scotia Environmental Health Association of Ontario Environmental Health Association of British Columbia	Chemicals Environment Environmental illness Green building Green purchasing Health Household products Housing Indoor air quality NGO Occupation Pesticides and alternatives Schools Training/workshops Workplaces

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Breast Cancer Action Montreal		201 - 5890 Monkland Ave. Montreal, Québec H4A 1G2	514-483-1846 F: 514-483-9221	www.bcam.qc.ca E-mail: info@bcam.qc.ca	Non-profit activist/ advocacy group directed by women sensitized to trauma of breast cancer and who are committed -- long-term -- to erasing the disease. Promotes and support adoption of precautionary principle as guideline for action. Educates about toxins linked to breast cancer, current research, treatments, etc., precautionary principle.	Advocate primary prevention of breast cancer and elimination of environmental toxins. Network to create resource-sharing community and encourage breast cancer organizations to join fight for prevention and improved diagnosis and treatment.	Safe cosmetics campaign. Health and environment awareness project developed educational work-shops and accessible informational pamphlets about cosmetics, household products, to raise awareness. Useful links to documents, groups, actions. Annual workshops (e.g. about cosmetics), regular newsletters and " clippings " from news stories.			Cancer Chemicals Environment Health Household products NGO Pesticides and alternatives Training/ workshops Women
Coalition for Alternatives to Pesticides/ Coalition pour les Alternatives aux pesticides (CAP)	Michel Gaudet, President Édith Smeesters, Spokeperson	Mail: c/o Equiterre 317 - 2177, rue Masson Montréal, Québec H2H 1B1	514-522-2000 x 250 F: 514.522-1227	http://www.cap-quebec.com E-mail: info@cap-quebec.com	Non-profit organization founded in 1999 by people affected by pesticide spraying. Now Quebec has cosmetic pesticide ban, focuses on alternatives and links to others without such laws.	Raise province-wide public awareness about pesticides by joining together interested groups and individuals in Quebec, creating ties with similar organizations in North America and overseas. Disseminate relevant information about pesticides and their alternatives.	Horti-eco certification for ecological horticultural services. "Pesticide Free Naturally" public awareness campaign. Campaign to promote alternatives to uses of synthetic chemical pesticides. Other resources for lawns and other uses of cosmetic pesticides. Link to Quebec pesticide management code .		Equiterre Institut Québécois du Développement de l'Horticulture Ornementale (IQDHO) Union des Consommateurs	Certification Chemicals Children Environment Health Pesticides and alternatives Training/ workshops
Environmental Health Research Network/ Réseau de recherche en santé environnementale (RRSE)		INRS-Institut Armand-Frappier Institut national de la recherche scientifique, Université du Québec 531, boul. des Prairies Laval, Québec H7V 1B7		http://www.rrse.ca/en/ E-mail: rrse@uquebec.ca	Network funded by Fonds de la recherche en santé du Québec to facilitate sharing and integration of tools and specialized approaches so members can better study environmental health issues. Themes studied include biomarker measurement; drinking water contaminants and related modeling ; and exposure assessment.	Bring environmental health researchers in Québec closer together by encouraging trans-disciplinary and inter-institution collaboration to improve quality of research and competitiveness of the researchers.	Website has information and tools about themes studied (e.g., effects of chemicals in drinking water) and list of relevant training programmes at Québec universities.	See list by individual and institution.		Academic Chemicals Environment Health Network Research Surveillance Toxics use reduction Training/ workshops Water quality

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Équiterre	Sidney Ribaux, Co-founder, Executive Director	206 - 2177 Masson St. Montreal, Quebec H2H 1B1	514-522-2000 F: 514-522- 1227	http://www.equiterre.org/en/ E-mail: info@equiterre.qc.ca	Non-profit organization active since 1993. Relies on team of 25 employees at Montreal office and almost 300 volunteers throughout province. Four programs -- ecological agriculture, fair trade, sustainable transportation and energy efficiency --and two campaigns -- climate change and responsible consumption. Develops projects encouraging individuals to take concrete actions that bring about positive change. All projects backed by solid expertise, built on latest developments in related fields.	Help build a social movement by encouraging individuals, organizations and governments to make ecological and equitable choices, in a spirit of solidarity. Help citizens take small, simple steps that will have long-term, positive effects on the environment and society. Devoted to implementing projects that focus on solutions rather than problems.	Garderies bio project facilitates supply of organic and local food from Community Supported Agriculture sites to Quebec day care centres. Related materials about children's health and pesticides. Support community supported agriculture farms, also known as organic food baskets. Ecological horticulture , including certification for Ecosystem-friendly Horticultural Services and service for municipalities; result of Québec-wide cosmetic pesticide ban. À la soupe! project promotes healthy, ethical, and sustainable food supply to schools and community health centres, for children and adults working in or attending them.			Agriculture Air quality Chemicals Children Environment Food Health NGO Pesticides and alternatives Schools Training/ workshops Workplaces
Événement ÉCOresponsable /Sustainable events	Mélanie McDonald, Co-ordonnatrice	Réseau québécois des femmes en environnement 1360 - 100 rue Sherbrooke ouest Montréal, Québec H2X 3P2	514-843-2015 x 810953	http://www.evenementcoresponsable.com E-mail: info@rqfe.org; mmcdonald@rqfe.org	Project started by Réseau québécois des femmes en environnement, funded by Fonds d'action québécois pour le développement durable. Consultants in 9 cities/regions. Offers consulting services, tools, training and provincial government certification or standard for organising sustainable events (e.g., workshops, festivals, conferences).	Simplify organization of sustainable events and encourage event organizers to adopt more sustainable practices. Objectives include training, sharing expertise, developing knowledge and to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • reduce environmental impact of events • develop long-term management habits • promote responsible consumption • stimulate local benefits and event output for society 	Examples of sustainable events (in French, with links to organisations) Guide pour la réduction des matières résiduelles lors de l'organisation d'événements publics [Guide to reduce residual waste when organizing public events]. Tools for sustainable events, including free directory of eco-responsible suppliers and links to guides and resources .		75 partners .	Environment Green purchasing Household products NGO Training/ workshops Waste Workplaces

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Institut national de santé publique du Québec (INSPQ)	Daniel Bolduc, Director, Risques biologiques, environnementaux et occupationnels France Labrèche, epidemiologist	945, avenue Wolfe Québec, Québec G1V 5B3 190, boulevard Crémazie est Montréal, Québec H2P 1E2	Québec office: 418-650-5115 F: 418-646-9328 Montreal main office: 514- 864-1600	http://www.inspq.qc.ca	Quebec public health agency. Activities include expertise and advice; information, adapted to audience needs; research, evaluation and innovation; and laboratory and screening work. Specialist knowledge and studies include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • living environments (promote healthy lifestyles and prevent chronic illnesses) • occupational health • environmental health and human toxicology, to reduce public exposure to harmful environmental agents • infectious diseases and microbiology • surveillance of health status and determinants • aboriginal health. 	Advance knowledge and propose cross-sectoral strategies and endeavours that will improve state of Quebecers' health and well-being. Support public health responsibilities of government departments and others, by offering our expertise and specialized laboratory and screening services.	Studies and publications (in French, some in English) include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • cancer • respiratory diseases (e.g. residential indoor air quality effects) • environmental health effects of air and water pollution and preventing same • occupational health diseases/ prevention • Aboriginal health status related to environmental contaminants (e.g. Nunavik Inuit Health Survey, Oujé-Bougoumou Cree exposure to mine tailings) • radon effects and intervention analysis • Québec Pesticide Risk Indicator 			Academic Air quality Cancer Chemicals Children Environment First Nations Health Indoor air quality Inuit Mining Occupation Pesticides and alternatives Public health Research Respiratory diseases Surveillance Training/ workshops Water quality Workplaces
Montreal Public Health Department (Direction de santé publique de Montréal)	Louis Drouin, Director, Urban environment and health unit	Direction de santé publique de Montréal 1301 Sherbrooke St. East Montréal, Québec H2L 1M3	514-528-2400 x 3235 F: 514-528-2453	http://www.sante-pub-mtl.qc.ca/Environnement/index.html E-mail: LDrouin@santepub-mtl.qc.ca	Montreal City public health department's environmental health unit. Does research and interventions about topics such as sustainable development, climate change, indoor and outdoor air quality, urban development, drinking water and contaminated soil.	Implement principles of sustainable development by transforming conditions of built environment for better public health.	Research and activities about air quality, cancer.			Air quality Cancer Chemicals Children Environment Health Household products Indoor air quality Public Health Research Surveillance Training/ workshops Water quality

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Option-consommateurs	Michel Arnold	604 - 2120, Sherbrooke E. Montréal, Québec H2K 1C3	514-598-7288 888-412-1313 F: 514-598-8511	http://www.option-consommateurs.org E-mail: info@option-consommateurs.org	Non-profit consumers' rights association that provides information, takes legal action, does research and helps consumers. Topics range from food safety and toxins in consumer products to energy, commercial practices and financial services.	Promote and defend basic rights of consumers; ensure they are recognized and respected.	Publications about household products and French version of CancerSmart Guide. Campaign for right to know labelling of hazardous ingredients in consumer products.		Toxics Free Canada	Air quality Cancer Chemicals Environment Food Green purchasing Health Household products Legal NGO Pesticides and alternatives Research Right-to-know
Peintures Récupérées du Québec		345, Bulstrode Victoriaville, Québec G6T 1P7	819-758 5497 F: 819-758 2313	http://www.boomerangpaint.com/peintures_recuperees.asp http://www.ecopeinture.ca E-mail: info@peinture.ca	Only Quebec company to recover and recycle paint and paint cans, and market recovered paint. Collects leftover paints from Quebec and north-eastern North America. Sells products under Boomerang name.	Recover left-over paints to prevent them going to landfill sites. Recycle them as valuable resource.	Recycle used paint into new products.		Eco-peinture	Air quality Business Chemicals Environment Extended producer responsibility Green purchasing Health Household products Occupation Pollution prevention Training/workshops Water quality

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Public Health Department of the James Bay Cree Territory (Miyupimaatisiw in aa uhchi pimipiyihtaakin uwich utih iiyiyuu aschiich; Direction de santé publique de la région des Terres crie de la Baie James)	Elizabeth Robinson, Medical Advisor, Community Medicine	277 rue Duke St. Montréal, Québec H3C 2M2	514-861-2352 x 229 F: 514-861-2681	http://creepublichealth.org E-mail: e_robinson@ssss.gouv.qc.ca	Public health department. Mandate includes surveillance, promotion, prevention, protection, regulation, research and training related to health of Cree (Iiyiyiu) population in Region 18 territory covered by James Bay and Northern Quebec Agreement. Headquarters in Mistissini and staff in Chisasibi and Montreal.	Prevent infectious diseases, improve environmental and workplace health, prevent injuries, support community development, improve life habits and pre-vent chronic diseases and support development, adaptation and social integration of our people. Done in context of Iiyiyiu values: spiritual, emotional, mental and physical equilibrium.	Nituuchischaayihitaau aschii (Let's learn about our land, let's learn about our people). Project about effects of contaminants (e.g., mercury, lead, PCBs) on Cree people and their environment. Mercury studies.			Air quality Chemicals Children Environment First Nations Health Occupation Public health Research Schools Surveillance Training/ workshops Waste Water quality Workplaces
Réseau québécois des femmes en environnement / (RQFE)	Caroline Voyer, directrice générale	1360 - 100, rue Sherbrooke ouest, Montréal, Québec H2X 3P2	514-843-2015 x 0953 F: 514-843-2160	http://www.rqfe.org E-mail: info@rqfe.org	Network for women concerned about environmental health and/or working in the field. International conference in 2005 led to: • projects about advancement of women in environmental decision-making • booklets about environmental health issues relevant to women • directory of members listing their skills and expertise • project about endocrine disruptors.	Place for women in particular to network and exchange information about environmental health issues and activities. Promote women in decision-making bodies having role in environmental issues. Inform and educate, particularly women, about links between environment, women and health. Analyze, support, contribute and participate in dissemination of results of relevant initiatives/ research activities.	Endocrine disruptors project will develop plain language materials and workshops about sources, how to avoid them, etc. Conseil québécois des événements écoresponsables project Événement ÉCOresponsable . Workshops for small organisations to set up eco-friendly offices. Publications , film presentations and workshops (e.g., about pesticides, other toxic chemicals and water quality).		Bureau de normalisation du Québec Fédération des femmes du Québec (FFQ) et la Marche mondiale des femmes Fonds d'action québécois pour le développement durable Hydro-Québec Lavery, de Billy Les Jardins Urbains Recyc-Québec Réseau québécois d'action pour la santé des femmes Secrétariat à la condition féminine Télé-Université Ville de Montréal	Chemicals Environment Green purchasing Health NGO Occupation Pesticides and alternatives Research Right-to-know Training/ workshops Waste Water quality Women Workplaces

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Secrétariat des organismes environnementaux du Québec (SOEQ)	Jérôme Normand, Président	454, avenue Laurier est Montréal, Québec H2J 1E7	514-861-7022 x 25 F: 514-861-8949	http://www.soeq.org/ E-mail: info@soeq.org	New Québec environmental network. Develops networking opportunities, training, consultation and access to services within and beyond the borders of Quebec. Encourages members to share information and expertise. Works to ensure better representation of environmental organizations in Quebec within the Canadian environmental movement.	Defend members' interests. Strengthen capacity of Quebec environmental movement. Ensure healthy dialogue between environmental movement in Quebec and Canada. Promote members' active participation in development of practices, policies, laws and regulations to improve environmental quality, by providing networking services and technical resources.	Newsletter.	See list .	Canadian Environmental Network/	Chemicals Environment Health Network
Société pour vaincre la pollution	Daniel Green, Executive Director	C.P. 65, place d'Armes Montréal, Québec H2Y3E9	514-844-5477 F: 514-844-1446	E-mail: greentox@total.net		Defend citizens' rights to a healthy environment. Promote the quality and protection of the environment.			Canadian Environmental Law Association Canadian Environmental Network Great Lakes United	Air quality Chemicals Environment Health Training/ workshops Water quality
Société québécoise de la gestion écologique de la peinture: Éco-peinture		Société québécoise de gestion écologique de la peinture 140 - 7175 Marion Trois-Rivières, Québec G9A 5Z9	819-840-6229 F: 819-840-3270	http://www.ecopeinture.ca Email: eco-peinture@cgocable.ca	Non-profit corporation, funded by paint industry. Administers program and network related to Ministry of Environment regulation requiring paint manufacturers recover paint containers and leftover paint. Runs municipal collection programs. Turns paint over to company that recycles it into new products. Board includes people in industry, Ministry of Environment, Recyc-Québec and representatives from municipalities, environmental groups and consumer associations.	Promote and facilitate recovery of paint residues and paint containers, to support and encourage reclamation of recovered paint, and contribute to waste recycling.	Collects used paint. Works with Peintures Récupérées du Québec that recycles used paint and containers (under brand name Boomerang)	List on website.	Quebec Ministry of Sustainable Development, Environment & Parks Peintures Récupérées du Québec	Business Chemicals Environment Extended producer responsibility Health Household products Network Pollution prevention Waste

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Toxic Free Canada - Quebec branch	Madeleine Bird	Montréal		quebec@toxicfreecanada.ca	See Toxic Free Canada in British Columbia.	See Toxic Free Canada in British Columbia listing.	Right-to-know consumer product labeling			See Toxic Free Canada in British Columbia listing.
Université de Montréal (Environmental and occupational health department)	Denis Bégin, Agent de recherche	Département de santé environnementale et santé au travail, Faculté de médecine C.P. 6128, succ. Centre-Ville Montréal, Québec H3C 3J7	514-343-2170 F: 514-343-2200	http://www.meds.p.umontreal.ca/m onsite/begin/ E-mail: denis.begin@umontreal.ca	Researcher and occupational hygienist in department of environmental and occupational health.		Publications and research about substitution of solvents, interactive effects of chemical mixtures and related web tools. Some in French; others in English.			Academic Chemicals Green chemistry Health Occupation Research Substitutes Training/ workshops Workplaces
Université de Montréal (Environmental and occupational health department)	Michel Gerin, Professeur	Département de santé environnementale et santé au travail, Faculté de médecine C.P. 6128, succ. Centre-Ville Montréal, Québec H3C 3J7	514 343-6111 x 47681 F: 514-343-2200	http://www.meds.p.umontreal.ca/gri s/personnel2.asp? no=92&range=3&f romwho=mdtrav E-mail: michel.gerin@umontreal.ca	Professor and researcher in department of environmental and occupational health.		Publications and research about work-related asthma, cancer, chemical interactions and their effects, substitution for solvents and related web tools. Some in French; others in English.			Academic Cancer Chemicals Green chemistry Health Occupation Research Respiratory diseases Substitutes Training/ workshops Workplaces
Université de Montréal, (Environmental and occupational health department)	Claude Viau, Professeur	Département de Santé environnementale et santé au travail Université de Montréal C.P. 6128, succ. Centre-ville Montréal, Québec H3C 3J7	514-343-7817 F: 514-343-2200	http://www.mapageweb.umontreal.ca/viauc E-mail: claud.viau@umontreal.ca	Toxicologist and occupational health researcher in department of environmental and occupational health		Publications about chemical interactions and their effects (including on hearing), use of precautionary principle, web tools and biomonitoring. Some in French; others in English.			Academic Chemicals Green chemistry Health Occupation Research Substitutes Training/ workshops Workplaces