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Environmental Health (EH) Research Scan: Aims and Scope

NCCEH's EH Research Scan aims to expand awareness of topics in environmental health, in line with NCCEH's vision to be the indispensable online resource for environmental health practitioners and policy-makers across Canada. "We focus on health risks associated with the physical environment and identify evidence-based interventions to mitigate those risks." This review is not official or peer reviewed. It does not cover all research, news, and information, and NCCEH is not responsible for the accuracy of the content from media or databases. How to access the items? Click on the link related to each entry and it should take you to the item. Not all links are open access; some are abstract links where paid journal subscription is required.



EDITOR PICKS

Plastic food contact articles—food chemical safety unwrapped

Shirra Freeman (pictured on right), Environmental Health Review, 2018

"This paper provides an overview of plastic food contact articles and their uses, assesses concerns and knowledge gaps, reviews regulation, and discusses challenges for environmental health public practice."



Outbreak of S. Weltevreden linked to fermented cashew nut cheese in Victoria, BC. Lorraine McIntyre (pictured on right), 2018

"Twenty-three Salmonella [] illnesses occurred in a Victoria, British Columbia, Canada, restaurant following consumption of fermented vegan cheese [...] An inspection of the restaurant and review of the food processes revealed high-risk practices.[...] Procedures to safely ferment vegan cheese spreads are presented. [Authors] also discuss higher-risk food items and practises noted in this event that inspectors should be aware of during inspections."



2017-2018 Bacterial Pathogens in Edible Insects

Canadian Food Inspection Agency, Oct 2018

"...in samples analysed... it appears that the edible insects have been produced under sanitary conditions."



Backgrounder: Consultation on the strict regulation of additional cannabis products, Health Canada, Dec 2018

"Health Canada is launching a 60-day public consultation on draft regulations addressing additional cannabis products, namely edible cannabis, cannabis extracts and cannabis topicals."



Safe Food for Canadians Regulations (SOR/2018-108).

Government of Canada, 2018

New food regulations came into effect in January 2019 in Canada.



HealthLink BC. Mercury in Fish.

Government of British Columbia, Dec 2018

This is an updated guide in the Nutrition Series.





EDITOR PICKS

Public health should promote co-operative housing and cohousing Amy Lubik (pictured on right) and Tom Kosatsky, Can J Public Health, 2019

"In this commentary, we suggest that improving access to co-operative and communal housing is an important area for public health involvement."



3Ts for reducing lead in drinking water in schools and child care facilities: A training, testing, and taking action approach. Revised manual, US Environmental Protection Agency, 2018

"This manual contains recommendations on how to address lead drinking water in schools and child care facilities..."



Legal limits on single-use plastics and microplastics: A global review of national laws and regulations.

United Nations Environment Programme, 2018

"This report provides a global overview on the progress of countries in passing laws and regulations that limit the manufacture, import, sale, use and disposal of selected single-use plastics and microplastics...."



A scientific perspective on microplastics in nature and society. Science Advice for Policy by European Academies, 2019

"In this report, we were asked to review the current evidence on health, environmental and societal impacts of nano- and microplastic pollution."



Toward understanding the interplay of environmental stressors, infectious disease, and human health.

National Academies of Science, Engineering and Medicine, 2019

"This workshop will bring together experts to explore the growing body of research on the links between environmental stressors, infectious disease, and human health."



Integrating human health into urban and transport planning: A framework.

Nieuwenhuijsen M, Khreis H, editors, 2019

"This resource, designed in the form of a table, shows the reader how public health functions are organized within each of these jurisdictions."



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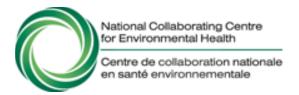
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