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Medications Return Program News Bulletin



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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING, THURSDAY, MAY 26, 2005

As a member of PCPSA, you should have received a notice for our next AGM taking place on May 26th at the Canadian Generic Pharmaceutical Association's offices starting at 9:30 a.m.

If you have not received the information, please contact the office at 613-723-7282. The information sent by e-mail were: the Notice of meeting with agenda and the proxy form. If you are unable to attend, please remember to fax your proxy to 613-723-0779. Available at the meeting will be the Annual Report submitted to the BC Ministry of Environment, Environment Protection Division and the Financial Statements.

ENVIROPHARMA SECOND ANNUAL CONFERENCE ON MAY 12-13, 2005

PCPSA will be making a presentation next month at EnviroPharm 2005 – the **SECOND ANNUAL** Environmental Conference specifically for the Pharmaceutical Industry. We will provide information on the collection and disposal of unused or expired pharmaceuticals under the Medications Return Program we operate in British Columbia. For more information visit the Environmental Advisory Group website at www.enviroadvisory.com or send an e-mail to conference@environadvisory.com.



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BC MEDICATIONS RETURN PROGRAM QUARTERLY REPORT

The following is an update on the program in British Columbia for the January-March 2005 period.

- Volumes for the quarter are up 4%.
- In mid-March a shipment of full containers was sent to Cristallo Engineering for incineration.
- New containers now have the name of the program and details of accepted products for collection stenciled onto the container eliminating the need for labeling.
- There have been more pharmacies in the province signing up for the program since the implementation of the PCPSA website.

Collection Summary (actual):	Q1 - 2005	Q1-2004
Containers Shipped to Pharmacies	373	360
Containers Received from Pharmacies	331	302
Weight of Pharmaceuticals (kg)	4252	4100



FORTHCOMING FROM THE OFFICE

- Invoices for the Medications Return Program for 2005
- AGM and Board of Directors meeting in Toronto in May
- Get a new brochure printed and commence distribution with containers
- Work with Ministry on non compliant companies in British Columbia
- Preparation and distribution of the annual report on the stewardship program to the B.C. Government

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