

Summary of Public Comments Received on the Government of Canada's Draft Screening Assessment Report on 2-ethoxyethanol acetate (2-EEA) (CAS No. 111-15-9)

Formal comments made during the 60-day public comment period that took place from August 23, 2008 to October 22, 2008 on the draft screening assessment report on 2-EEA, a substance included in Batch 3 of substances to be addressed as part of the Chemicals Management Plan Challenge were provided by Toxic Free Canada, Learning Disabilities Association of Canada, Chemical Sensitivities Manitoba and the Canadian Environmental Law Association.

A summary of comments and responses is included below, organized by topic:

- Risk Assessment
- Risk Management

TOPIC	COMMENT	RESPONSE
Risk Assessment	The conclusions that 2-EEA is not harmful under CEPA 1999 is inappropriate considering that it may be an endocrine disruptor and may pose a risk at even low levels of exposure.	Based on the analysis of relevant information, exposure from 2-EEA is below the level at which critical health effects are likely. Based on this information the Government has found that 2-EEA does not meet the criteria of section 64 (c) of CEPA, 1999.
Risk Management	It is recommended that 2-EEA be added to the List of Toxic Substances on Schedule I of CEPA 1999 or that 2-EEA be added to the Priority Substances List for a more rigorous and complete assessment. Further, it was recommended at least to apply Future Notification.	2-EEA does not meet the definition of the criteria of section 64 of CEPA, 1999. It is being recommended for a Significant New Activity provision of CEPA 1999.