

Minutes: January 8, 2007
Children's Environmental Health and Protection Advisory Council
Maryland Department of Environment,
1800 Washington Blvd., Baltimore, MD

Members Present: Christopher Loffredo, Phil Heard, Judy LaKind, Ben Gitterman, Peyton Eggleston, Clifford Mitchell, Cecilia Davoli

Staff: Rachel Hess-Mutinda

Guest: Ruth Quinn

The meeting was called to order by Dr. Clifford Mitchell at 9:15 AM. Dr. Mitchell noted the fact that the Agenda should read January 8, 2007 not 2006, as should other documents associated with this meeting.

Introductions of Members

Dr. Mitchell introduced himself as the new chair but has yet to be officially confirmed. Council members then introduced themselves and indicated their statutory designation and when they joined the council (addendum). It was noted that most members of the Council have in fact been serving since the inception of the Council in 2001. Vacant positions include the Parent/Guardian, MACo representative and Governor's Office of Children, Youth and Families. David Jett informed the Council via email that he will not be able to be a member of CEHPAC any longer due to a demanding work schedule. The Environmental Toxicologist position is now vacant. Various members of the council were asked about the length of their term. Although the enabling legislation of the Council does not specify a term, members are apparently appointed to limited terms by the Governor.

Review of Legislative Report

The 2006 Annual Report was distributed to council members (members had previously received the report via email). Dr. Mitchell added a special thanks to Audrey Regan for preparation and writing of report. Members commented that the amount of regulatory review in the previous year had been very limited.

Regulation Review

There were no regulations to review at this time. Dr. Mitchell mentioned that MDE and DHMH are working to revise special medical waste regulations. Dr. Mitchell and/or Dr. Heard will follow up to ensure CEHPAC is able to review the proposed regulations prior to their publication.

There was a discussion regarding the regulation review process. Dr. Eggleston suggested that more details about what is being reviewed could help the Council. Dr. LaKind mentioned that at one point CEHPAC had asked that a representative from whichever agency is proposing the regulations come to a CEHPAC meeting to discuss the proposal. This has been done by agency staff on only a few occasions. The turn around time for regulations and the scheduling conflicts for the staff have been problematic at times. Dr.

Loffredo suggested that the review of regulations could be conducted by toxicology graduate students and law students at the University of Maryland.

Dr. Loffredo also mentioned that CEHPAC has provided oversight on the evaluation of the Sentinel Birth defects Registry.

Environmental Health Indicators Report Update

Dr. Heard briefly mentioned that the draft report awaits more editing, as well as some additional information. The report should be sent around as a draft in the next 2 months. Dr. Mitchell clarified that the report is a product of MDE and DHMH with input and guidance from CEHPAC.

National Environmental Health Conference

The U.S. Surgeon General is issuing a Call to Action on Healthy Homes. The role of the indoor environment's effect on children's health will be discussed extensively, and Dr. Mitchell expects that the formal Call to Action report will be published within the year.

Goals and Agenda for 2007

Dr. LaKind mentioned the frustration that CEHPAC has had over the years concerning the lack of available data and surveillance available to evaluate CEH measures. The Environmental Indicators Report aims to look at some of these issues. Dr. Eggleston highlighted the success of the Mercury project that CEHPAC completed-it was concrete, definable and deliverable.

Dr. Mitchell asked the group to consider what CEHPAC could do to increase its impact on children's environmental health? Specifically, the question was what unique role CEHPAC played, compared with other agencies and entities concerned with children's health in the State.

A long discussion then ensued regarding the projects and path of the Council for the coming years. Dr. Mitchell said there were two paths that can be pursued: The Council could be more proactive rather than reactive and seek regulations to review. This would require more staff time, agency agreements and funding. As an alternative, the Council could think about the larger concepts of children's environmental health and an expanded mandate, and work on what could be used to develop ideas, strategies and laws. Dr. Heard passed out the enabling legislation in COMAR, which the Council reviewed. After this review, particularly after Dr. Gitterman suggested that CEHPAC should concentrate on goals 4,5 and 6, a general consensus emerged that the mandate should stay the same with the focus on a specific project that would move Maryland forward in regard to children's environmental health. Dr. Lakind, Dr. Heard and Dr. Mitchell all suggested that the Council could focus on the area of surveillance for children's environmental health, including both existing data systems and barriers to effective surveillance. The Council decided that the deliverable product for the next year would be a report addressing the state of surveillance for children's environmental health in Maryland.

Dr. Mitchell will be meeting with Sen. Jacobs and Del. Hubbard on January 11, 2007 to introduce himself to the legislators and review the recent activities of CEHPAC, as well as its proposed activities for this year. He will suggest that the priority of the group will be to look at surveillance mechanisms throughout the state and identify gaps that exist.

Action Steps

- ◆ Rachel, Dr. Mitchell and Dr. Heard will work to define term length, fill vacancies
- ◆ Dr. Mitchell will set up conference call for next meeting

Next Meeting

- ◆ The next CEHPAC meeting will take place via conference call on Monday, March 5th.

Name	Representing	Length of Service
Clifford S. Mitchell	DHMH	2006 (pending)
Phil Heard	MDE	2005
Peyton Eggleston	Johns Hopkins Asthma and Allergy Specialist	2001
Benjamin Gitterman	Licensed Pediatrician	2001
Christopher Loffredo	Environmental Epidemiologist	2001
Douglas Bradham	Economist	2004
Judy LaKind	Private Industry	2001
Mary Ellen Setting	Dept. of Agriculture	2002
Judith Rozie-Battle	Dept. of Human Resources	2005
Jacqueline Phillips	Dept. of Housing and Community Development	2005
Donna Mazyck	Dept. of Education	2005
Cecilia Davoli	Pediatric Environmental Health Specialist (Pediatrician)	2001

Submitted by: Rachel Hess-Mutinda

Minutes: March 5, 2007
Children's Environmental Health and Protection Advisory Council
James Senate Office Building
Annapolis, MD 21401

Members Present: Cliff Mitchell, Phil Heard, Christopher Loffredo, Douglas Bradham, Senator Nancy Jacobs, Delegate James Hubbard, Lorne Garrettson

Staff: Rachel Hess-Mutinda

Guest: Audrey Regan

The meeting was called to order by Dr. Clifford Mitchell at 4:05pm.

Welcome and Overview

Members each introduced themselves and the agencies that they represent.

Dr. Mitchell thanked both Del. Hubbard and Sen. Jacobs for attending the meeting. He suggested that this meeting was an opportunity for all members of the Council to talk about its direction and some of the upcoming goals. This is also an opportunity to hear from both the Delegate and Senator as to what they would like to see CEHPAC do and what would benefit the General Assembly.

Delegate Hubbard responded to Dr. Mitchell's question by stating that he hopes the group will continue to look at air, water and environmental issues as they relate to children's health and specifically how it disproportionately affects children at different socioeconomic statuses. He also regards the Council as the public policy arm, providing oversight on children's environmental health. Del. Hubbard asked the Council to bring any information and concerns to both he and Sen. Jacobs so that everyone can make the right steps in protecting children's environmental health. He is a strong supporter of the Council and even if he is unable to attend meetings, please let him know what is going on.

Senator Jacobs agreed with Del. Hubbard. Her background and interest align with issues of indoor air quality, including mold problems within the Harford County schools.

Children's Environmental Health Indicator Report

Dr. Heard provided a general overview of the Report, to give Delegate Hubbard, Senator Jacobs, and other Council members background information and an update. Currently, the EPA is still very interested in the report and will provide input (and some resources) for the final draft - they hope it will be a model for other states. It was emphasized that the final product will be signed off by and a product of MDE and DHMH. Dr. Heard is hopeful that a final product will be ready in about six months.

Proposed Council Project for 2007: Surveillance of Children's Environmental Health in Maryland

Discussion around the Council's proposed project for 2007 began with comments from Dr. Bradham. He reaffirmed the need to be able to access State databases to obtain pertinent information. By accessing these databases, the Council and other organizations

would be able to be proactive rather than reactive. Dr. Loffredo also stated that during the last CEHPAC meeting, it was evident that the Council was frustrated with the shortage of data available and that without good data, the Council is unable to move forward. Dr. Heard summarized many of the feelings and frustrations in the Council, once again reaffirming the desire for accessible, informative data.

Dr. Heard distributed information concerning the proposed project reviewing current databases and what is missing (attached). Del. Hubbard stated that he sees this project as a type of report card and compared it to the HMO report card that is issued in the State each year. He hopes it will answer questions like “Are we above the curve? Are we below the curve?” Sen. Jacobs suggested that this report will be very useful when the General Assembly is voting and needs data to support their position. Dr. Mitchell added that this project will be a useful tool for the Children’s Environmental Health Indicator report as it will be a systematic way to examine surveillance databases. Dr. Bradham would like to see more tables added to the tables already identified.

Legislation

Dr. Garrettson let the Council know that he would be testifying (as a private individual) to support House Bill #833-Phthalates and Bisphenol A. Dr. Mitchell read some of the language of the bill, and there was extensive discussion by the members of the Council. Many members voiced their support in concept of HB 833 as it would protect children, especially males, against harmful carcinogens and reproductive toxins, while acknowledging that there were some questions about the specific provisions of the bill that needed clarification.

Review of Proposed Regulations

(All regulations that are reviewed are available to Council members. Please contact Rachel for a copy)

Control of Gasoline and Volatile Organic Compound Storage and Handling

Dr. Bradham reviewed this regulation. He suggested that there are small changes throughout the regulation based on change of language. He felt strongly that CEHPAC should support the regulation. There was no disagreement amongst the members present.

Emission Limitations for Power Plants

Dr. Garrettson provided comments on this regulation. This regulation institutes a cap to toxic emissions from power plants. This regulation is more restrictive than the Federal standards. Dr. Garrettson suggested that the Council should support these proposed regulations. He also brought up the issue that if energy companies are forced to raise their rates due to this regulation, it would have a negative impact on families who may already be struggling to pay for healthcare expenses, rent, food, etc. CEHPAC will monitor the outcome of the regulation.

Control of Emissions of Volatile Organic Compounds from Consumer Products

This regulation also puts limits of emission of volatile organic compounds. Dr. Heard wondered if changing new products would create issues in disposal of the

banned products. What would the disposal do to the ozone level and air quality? This regulation is a positive step and the Council will support it. The Council also hopes that some type of funding for an assessment of these actions would be included.

As there was not a quorum present, the Chair indicated that he would follow up with the Council prior to the next meeting on items requiring immediate action. In addition, Dr. Mitchell indicated he would attempt to clarify the status of unfilled positions on the Council prior to the next meeting.

The meeting concluded at 6pm. The next meeting will be Monday, May 7th. Location and time will be announced closer to the meeting date.

Submitted By: Rachel Hess-Mutinda

Minutes: May 7, 2007
Children's Environmental Health and Protection Advisory Council
Maryland Department of Environment,
1800 Washington Blvd., Baltimore, MD

Members Present: Cliff Mitchell, Phil Heard, Judy LaKind, Peyton Eggleston, Lorne Garrettson, Mary Ellen Setting, Donna Mazyck

Staff: Rachel Hess-Mutinda

Guests: Lee Hurt, Alicia Mezu, Barbara Bice, Maria Prawirodihardto

The meeting was called to order by Dr. Clifford Mitchell at 3:05p.m.

Welcome and Overview

Members and guests introduced themselves. The minutes from the March meeting were accepted.

Legislation Review

A summary sheet of the Legislative Session 2007 was distributed. A correction to the sheet was noted that HB1034 did not pass. Dr. Mitchell suggested that CEHPAC and DHMH may want to review a pending regulation/bill between MSDE and DGS concerning criteria for modular classroom units. Dr. Eggleston mentioned that he testified at a Senate hearing on a bill to ban smoking in cars with children in it. Dr. Mitchell believes the bill was not voted on.

Dr. Garrettson brought up a recent incident involving a mercury spill at a private, MD school. This incident allowed CEHPAC members to discuss mercury removal issues and out reach to private, independent schools. MSDE has sent letters to schools regarding mercury removal but does not have any authority or oversight in the matter at private, independent schools. Dr. Garrettson asked if CEHPAC should play a stronger role? Dr. Garrettson will follow up with Barbara Bice of MSDE regarding the status of the letters and any additional steps to be taken.

Guest Presentation: Ms. Barbara Bice, School Facilities Branch Chief, MD Dept. of Education

Ms. Bice's power point presentation is available. The power point presentation allowed for Council members to discuss the following: Are there barriers to collect data regarding children/staff, school facilities and health? Is there an ability to track work orders? In regard to lead in drinking water, how often are water fountains and faucets checked for lead? Are there health and safety standards for new school construction? How does the State research the compliance of a new site in regard to children's health? Discussion regarding Ms. Bice's power point ended with the question, What is the role of CEHPAC in addressing these concerns?

Children's Environmental Indicators Report

The report is near completion with more edits pending. A close to final draft should be available at the end of the summer.

CEHPAC Surveillance Project

Dr. Mitchell read the proposed letter to agencies in regard to surveillance programs in Maryland related to children's environmental health. Dr. Mitchell asked the council what types of information is essential for a comprehensive report. He also asked who should be included in the mailing? NGOs, school and public health organizations, research institutes were all suggested.

The next CEHPAC will take place Monday, July 2nd. The time will be announced at a later date.

Submitted by: Rachel Hess-Mutinda

Minutes: August 20, 2007
Children's Environmental Health and Protection Advisory Council
Maryland Department of Environment,
1800 Washington Blvd., Baltimore, MD

Members Present: Clifford Mitchell, Phil Heard, Doug Bradham, Lorne Garrettson, Ben Gitterman, Alicia Mezu, Mary Ellen Setting

Staff: Rachel Hess-Mutinda

The meeting was called to order by Dr. Clifford Mitchell at 10:10 a.m.

Welcome and Overview

Members introduced themselves. The minutes from the May meeting were accepted. Members asked for copies of May's power point presentation by Barbara Bice.

A brief discussion was held concerning the remaining CEHPAC meetings dates of 2007. Consensus from the Council agreed to make the next meeting Monday, **October 1st** 2007 at 9am. This will allow the Council time to receive and comment on proposed Indoor Air Quality regulations. The last meeting of 2007 will take on **Dec. 3rd**. Both meetings will take place at MDE.

Regulation Review

- **Clean Air Interstate Rule**

Dr. Garrettson discussed the technicality of this regulation. He highlighted the fact that the improvement in the air quality from the reductions will have a positive effect on children's health. There are no specific recommendations from the Council.

- **Control of Incinerators**

No specific recommendations will be made.

- **Control of Gasoline and Volatile Organic Compounds**

This regulation will regulate emissions of barges at various docks throughout the State. Dr. Gitterman brought up the issue that each county is regulated at different levels of emission. The Council discussed this point and asked for clarification from MDE. Dr. Mitchell will compose a letter on behalf of the Council to inquire about the rationale behind the different regulatory levels. (The letter has been written and sent to MDE; 8.22.07)

- **Clean Car Emission Standards**

No specific recommendations of the Council. Unless the rule is challenged, there should not be any action taken at this time. Dr. Gitterman suggested a group should be convened to focus on this issue and regulation-to keep all abreast of the process. Dr. Garrettson suggested taking the data from this regulation and incorporating it into "MD Children and the Environment" report. Dr. Heard suggested that the Council may want to ask someone from ARMA to speak to CEHPAC regarding the regulation and plans for evaluation of the rule.

Maryland's Children and the Environment Report

The Council received a PDF version of the Maryland's Children and the Environment Report in draft form. Dr. Mitchell asked the Council to review the report as to its readability, accuracy, comprehensiveness, and general utility. Many Council members discussed the need for the Recommendations section to be stronger. For example, if more resources are needed for children's environmental health surveillance, Council members felt that this should be stated explicitly in the report. Also, Council members urged the authors to identify where there is an absence of data. Dr. Mitchell suggested that role of the Council should be to advocate for program activities and State commitment to surveillance. Dr. Gitterman suggested the Council should convene focus groups throughout the State to respond to the report. Dr. Bradham asked if a session during SHIP (the School Health Interdisciplinary Program for school health professionals, held in the summer) could include discussion of the report. Dr. Bradham also brought up the issue that Baltimore City may not be adequately represented since the risk of the environmental exposures is very high in the City.

Lead in Consumer Products

Dr. Mitchell discussed recent concerns regarding lead in consumer products. DHMH is figuring out how to respond and address these recent issues. Possibly Dan Levy of the MD-AAP could make sure information is disseminated to doctors throughout MD. The Council should work closely with Del. Hubbard to ensure new legislation addresses these concerns of lead in consumer products.

Mercury in Schools

Dr. Garrettson discussed the recent spill of mercury at a small, independent school in Sandy Spring, MD. The clean-up of the mercury cost the school \$40,000. Can the Council distribute a letter to independent schools making them aware of this incident and to make sure their facilities are safe? Dr. Garrettson will draft the letter; Dr. Mitchell and R. Hess-Mutinda will ensure the letter is distributed to the correct officials at MSDE.

Announcements

The Children's Health and the Environment Conference will take place on October 6th, 2007 in Reston, VA. For more information go to: www.gwu.edu/macche/restonconference07 or call 1.866.622.2431. Dr. Gitterman also has information regarding this conference.

The meeting ended at 11:50am.

The next CEHPAC will take place Monday, October 1st at 9am at MDE.

Submitted by: Rachel Hess-Mutinda

Minutes: October 2, 2007
Children's Environmental Health and Protection Advisory Council
Maryland Department of Environment,
1800 Washington Blvd., Baltimore, MD

Members Present: Phil Heard, Lorne Garrettson, Ben Gitterman, Judy LaKind, Chris Loffredo, Sen. Nancy Jacobs

Guests: Madeleine Shea, Simone Porter, Lee Hurt

Staff: Rachel Hess-Mutinda

The meeting was called to order by Dr. Heard. The minutes from August were put aside for approval at the next meeting.

Regulation Review

The proposed changes to MDE regulation 26.12.01.01 were read. These merely incorporate updated federal regulations for the control of ionizing radiation by reference. No comments were offered.

Clean Indoor Air Act Regulation

Dr. Simone Porter, Resident in the General Preventive Medicine Residency at DHMH, presented the draft regulation to prohibit smoking in public and work places. CEHPAC members will have an opportunity to officially comment in the near future. Members should be on the look out for e-mails regarding this regulation and respond accordingly.

Questions and comments were as follows:

- The regulation will be released on October 12th, with a 30-day comment period.
- If a childcare center has an arrangement for a participating family to transport children from other households in lieu of a bus service, would the regulation prohibit smoking in this vehicle? Is smoking allowed in a transport vehicle when children are not present? The residual odor is a problem for some individuals.
- Can businesses reapply for waivers after January 2011?
- Are hotels required to go into full compliance, i.e., no smoking in any rooms, by January 2011? Sen. Jacobs stated she does not believe hotels will be required to go completely smoke-free as many international travelers/business people use the hotels.
- The point that adolescents working in restaurants and bars must be protected must be recognized widely.
- The point was made that there may be an unintended consequence that people will smoke at home in front of children rather than at bars/restaurants.
- With more people going outside to smoke, there is a possibility of more tobacco smoke penetrating outdoor vents, bringing the toxic air into buildings. Has the issue of air intake ventilation been addressed in the regulations?
- Will we see data on the positive effects of this legislation? A point was made that an impact may be seen quickly on asthma rates of children at child care centers.

Children's Environmental Indicators Report

Council members were thanked for their comments to the Indicators report. An electronic version will be resent for those who could not access it. Dr. LaKind asked if the introduction to the report is readable and understandable to someone not directly in the science/environmental community. Suggestions were made to make sure the introduction is shared with others to confirm readability.

Surveillance of Children's Environmental Health

Dr. Porter presented a concept for "Surveillance of Children's Environmental Health," a follow up to the Children's Environmental Indicators report. It will identify barriers, priorities, and recommendations for improved children's environmental health surveillance. A first draft will be circulated soon.

Upcoming Legislation

Discussion focused on possible upcoming legislation regarding phthalates and lead. Council members discussed the need to be proactive and contact Del. Hubbard to see if he would be introducing legislation around phthalates. Senator Jacobs reminded the Council that proposed legislation should be submitted now to ensure inclusion in the regular session. Sen. Jacobs also suggested that a special task force or summer study session may allow for further examination regarding the phthalate issue. Discussion also focused on CEHPAC's role in asking the legislature to regulate products with phthalates and lead. This brought up the question, "What should the State be doing if the Federal government is also acting?" The Council asked if a representative from the Consumer Product Safety Council or Dr. Joshua Sharfstein, Commissioner of Health for Baltimore City, could present policy information at the next meeting in order to learn the feasibility of action in Maryland. Dr. Heard will look into this.

Announcements

The Children's Health and the Environment Conference will take place on October 6th, 2007 in Reston, VA. For more information go to: www.gwu.edu/macche/restonconference07 or call 1.866.622.2431. Dr. Gitterman also has information regarding this conference.

The meeting ended at 12pm.

The next CEHPAC will take place Monday, December 3rd at 9am at MDE.

Submitted by: Rachel Hess-Mutinda

CEHPAC Minutes
December 3, 2007
Maryland Department of the Environment

Attendance: Clifford S. Mitchell (Chair)
Phil Heard (Vice-Chair)
Lorne Garretson
Alicia Mezu
Chris Loffredo
Lee Hurt
Madeleine Shea

Staff: Rachel Hess-Mutinda

Opening and Introductions

The meeting was opened by Chair of CEHPAC, Dr. Mitchell at 9:10am. Members introduced themselves along with guest presenters from MDE.

MDE Presentation on Coal Combustion Byproducts

Steve Pattison, Assistant Secretary of MDE, along with Ed Dexter and Ed Larrimore of MDE presented information and details regarding the proposed regulations on Coal Combustion Byproducts. Two facts sheets regarding the regulations were distributed and can be found on MDE's website at:

<http://www.mde.state.md.us/assets/document/CCBregFactSheetRev.pdf>. The regulations will be published on December 21st with a 45 day comment period. A public hearing will follow the comment period. The regulations will be placed in statute on April 1st. EPA is working on similar regulations but MDE believes that Maryland should not wait for the Federal government but rather publish State regulations and amend them if necessary when the Federal guidelines are published. MDE sees these regulations as preventive and a form of monitoring the byproducts.

Following the presentation, there was extensive discussion by the members of the Council. Some of the questions and comments regarding the regulations included:

- ✓ Are there any issues now with exposure pathways? MDE believes that most sites currently have standards but there is a need to tighten those standards.
- ✓ Once the matter is in the cement, what are the risks to animals and humans? MDE has concluded that the risks are extremely low.
- ✓ What are the policies for re-use? Can closed sites be developed in the future (e.g., school siting)? Are deed restrictions used? Other protections? For permitted landfills, a deed amendment is required that must be recorded in the land records, that notifies future and prospective owners that a landfill is located on the property, and restricts

disturbance of the landfill area without approval by the Department.

- ✓ The permanent retention of CCB constituents in reclaimed coal mines and other sites is a concern. How permanent are these solutions? What type of corrective measures are available if monitoring reveals significant leaching of materials 20 years after a site is closed? In practice MDE works with landfill owner/operators to accommodate reasonable post-closure uses. Closure requirements include a "cap" of low-permeability plastic that helps limit future leachate formation and prevents capillary draw-up of elements in the waste into the soil, so proposed post-closure uses are often recreational in nature - parks, walking paths, and airports for model remote control planes seem to be common uses. The department usually frowns on development over the waste-filled areas, usually because most of the landfills we deal with generate explosive levels of methane gas from the anaerobic decomposition; but a straight fly ash fill would actually be stable from an engineering perspective, if properly compacted it could be a reasonable building site for commercial uses, e.g., like the Brandon Shores Industrial Park.

CEHPAC will submit formal comments regarding these regulations when the public comment period is opened.

Minutes and Legislative Report

The minutes from the October meeting were approved. The Legislative Report, due December 1, is being reviewed and submitted to the legislature. When the final submitted copy is available, all CEHPAC members will receive a copy.

Regulation Review

Lead Abatement

Madeleine Shea discussed some of her hesitation regarding the Lead Abatement regulations. The trainings outlined in the regulations would be a one day training with theory. Some of the questions that were discussed regarding the regulations include:

- ✓ Is the training in Spanish?
- ✓ Does the worker/laborer have to personally pay for the one day course?
- ✓ Who sponsors the training?
- ✓ Is it beneficial to those working on the homes and those living in the homes?
- ✓ Is there someone who can speak with CEHPAC regarding the regulations for clarification?

Dr. Mitchell will work with Dr. Garrettson and Dr. Heard to put together comments regarding the regulation.

Clean Indoor Air Act

The CEHPAC letter submitted by Chris Loffredo was accepted and acknowledged. On December 15th, the regulations will be published and effective December 31, 2007. Implementation of the rules go into effect on February 1, 2008.

Environmental Indicator Report

Comments received from CEHPAC members regarding the report are being integrated in the final version. Senator Jacobs would like to see more information or a section devoted to information on radon. Dr. Mitchell will put together a section on radon while Lee Hrut will work on collating surveillance data on radon. The draft of this section will be sent to Senator Jacobs for review.

State of Surveillance Report

Dr. Porter has begun research and a draft of this report. Dr. Mitchell will continue to work on the report

Upcoming Legislative Issues

CEHPAC will be proactive regarding the **Phthalate legislation**. The February CEHPAC meeting will tentatively take place in Annapolis so that discussion with Delegate Hubbard can take place.

Lead in Consumer Products legislation will most likely be a discussion item throughout the legislative session. CEHPAC will remain aware of current discussions and comment when necessary.

Schedule for 2008

The following are the dates for 2008 CEHPAC meetings:

February 4-Annapolis 2:30pm
April 7-MDE Aeris Room 9-11am
June 2- MDE Aeris Room 9-11am
August 4- MDE Aeris Room 9-11am
October 6- MDE Aeris Room 9-11am
December 1- MDE Aeris Room 9-11am