

2003 aPHa RESOLUTION NO. A03-5

TITLE: Monitoring of Human Exposure to Chemicals

SPONSOR: Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge District Health Unit

WHEREAS there is increasing public concern relating to potential adverse health effects from exposure to a wide variety of chemicals; and

WHEREAS the Department of Health and Human Services of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention in the United States has now released their second report on human exposure to environmental chemicals and plans to release future reports every two years ; and

WHEREAS determining the levels of chemicals in the blood and urine of a sample of the Canadian population would be of public health use for such purposes as:

- a) determining which chemicals get into Canadians and at what concentrations
- b) identifying chemicals with a known toxicity level and determining the prevalence of people with levels above those toxicity levels
- c) assessing the effectiveness of public health efforts to reduce exposure of Canadians to specific chemicals
- d) tracking, over time, transit levels of exposure of the population
- e) setting priorities for research on human health effects;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Association of Local Public Health Agencies petition the federal government to establish and fund a program of human chemical testing in Canada modeled upon the current American program.

Action from Conference:

Moved:

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Carried