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**CC:** MAKI, ROY F [AG/5125]; CARR, KATHERINE H [AG/1000]  
**Subject:** FW: Vision Risks

Hi,

This came to me via JD Irving.

Donna, do we have the counter argument for the N-nitro angle.

I remember seeing one somewhere.

Michael

-----Original Message-----

From: Brunsdon, Blake [mailto:brunsdon.blake@jdirving.com]  
Sent: Thursday, September 23, 2004 9:08 AM  
To: Mike Cunningham (michael.j.cunningham@monsanto.com)  
Subject: Vision Risks

FYI...

- Blake Brunsdon

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From: sust-mar-digest-owner@chebucto.ns.ca  
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In this week's Sustainable Maritimes (sust-mar) Digest:  
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Date: Fri, 10 Sep 2004 07:03:11 -0300  
From: "Don Black" <dblack@chebucto.ns.ca>  
Subject: sust-mar: Correction on risks of using Vision

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Dear Friends

I would like to correct a mistaken impression that might have been created by my previous note.

When I said: "It is absurd to speak of the "safety" of spreading chemicals in the environment when we have literally no idea what new compounds they may form with other chemicals they encounter, nor of the damage those new compounds may cause", I was thinking in the broadest sense.

In fact, scientists do know something about some specific compounds of glyphosate (the known active ingredient in Vision).

"The problem with glyphosate...is that it combines readily with nitrites, found in normal human saliva, to form an N-nitroso compound called N-nitrosoglyphosate. Although that particular compound has not been tested as a cancer-causing agent, over 75% of all other N-nitroso compounds so tested have been shown to cause cancer by way of tumour formation." (Dr. Ruth Shearer, consultant in genetic toxicology, quoted in the Chronicle Herald, 4 Aug 84).

And in its latest review of the scientific literature on glyphosate (1995), Health Canada notes that "Some concern has been expressed over the possibility that glyphosate could react with nitrite in the diet to form N-nitrosophosphonomethyl glycine (NPMG), a putative carcinogen."

So the federal government, through its labelling process, is applying the precautionary principle. It would be contrary to federal law to spray Vision on people (or waterways), because the intent of the labelling process is to absolutely minimize contact between the chemicals and humans, animals or fish.

How could such contact happen? What I saw in 1984 was field workers being unconcerned with personal contact or spillage of Roundup (Vision at a lower concentration), and people being sprayed, as if to demonstrate the government assertion of the time that the product was "safe".

I saw provincial regulations so written that helicopters were permitted to continue spraying for up to half an hour after wind speeds were known to exceed maximum allowable levels, which in turn allowed drift of the chemicals on neighbouring lands, the workers, and the observer group, which included DNR employees.

I saw totally inadequate signage to warn people that the spray had taken place, or that the chemical would remain active for up to two weeks on berries the community was accustomed to picking in the clearcut.

I saw inadequate buffer areas around streams that were increased through public pressure, then violated by the drift, and no account taken of the machine tracks and erosion that would allow the active chemical, well-bonded to clay soils, to be carried downstream into neighbouring properties, wells and waterways in any heavy rainfall for weeks following the spraying.

In other words, following the Monsanto marketing strategy of falsely claiming the "safety" of these chemicals, our government of-the-day was directly increasing the risk to the health of humans and other forms of life. Again, the trust necessary for responsible government evaporates when government promotes an industry agenda over sound precautionary public health policy.

Thanks to everyone who responded to my first note on this. Anne Rogal points out that Stora now much more than just a "Swedish" corporation. Its head office is in Helsinki, Finland, its international office in London, U.K. with head office functions in Stockholm, Sweden.

More to come. Cheers.

Don Black  
Bluedoor.chebucto.net

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From: Martin Willison <[willison@dal.ca](mailto:willison@dal.ca)>  
Subject: sust-mar: Release of Greenpeace book, Halifax north end

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From: Michael T. Hamm

Join Bookmark and Raincoast Books for an evening with Rex Weyler, author of the newly published work "Greenpeace: How a Group of Ecologists, Journalists and Visionaries Changed the World."

Wednesday, 6th October, 7:30 p.m.

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For further information, please contact Bookmark at the phone number or email address listed below.

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Date: Fri, 17 Sep 2004 15:38:08 -0300  
From: Jennifer Slood <[info@acic-caci.org](mailto:info@acic-caci.org)>  
Subject: sust-mar: Internship Position with ACIC

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Through a partnership with the NGO Coalition for the Environment, the Atlantic Council for International Cooperation (ACIC) would like to fill an internship position, which focuses climate change and the environment.

The Atlantic Council for International Cooperation is a unique coalition of Atlantic Canadian organizations working on international development and cooperation issues, working together to achieve sustainable global development in a peaceful and healthy environment, with social justice, human dignity, and participation for all.

ACIC supports its members in development and developmental education through collective leadership, networking, information, training and coordination, and represents their interests when dealing with government and others. With your organization, we now have 40 members, including national organizations and grassroots organizations from across the Atlantic Provinces.

ACIC has been working with NGOCE over the past two years in building its capacity, through an exchange of tools and experience including administrative tools, human resource management techniques, and public engagement tools and resources.

NGOCE is coalition of organizations in Calabar, Cross River State, Nigeria, that has a mandate to develop and support projects that counteract the threat to the biological and cultural diversity and natural resources that sustain the environment while advocating for the sustainable use and equitable distribution of benefits to the people who depend on these resources.

Project Description:

NGOCE and ACIC are partnering to provide each other with tools for increasing their capacity to serve their coalition members. The young professional will assist with transferring knowledge, skills, and tools between NGOCE and ACIC to improve the environmental education services of both organizations.

Job description

Canadian component:

The young professional will be involved with all aspects of the daily operations of the Atlantic Council for International Cooperation (ACIC), including:

- -Assisting in coordinating a Climate Change public engagement event;
- -Conducting research into climate change and energy efficiency;
- -Promoting ACIC workshops and activities through the media;
- -Networking with members to encourage participation in ACIC's projects;
- -Newsletter editing and layout (Special Climate Change Edition); and,
- -Professional development workshop organization.

Overseas component:

The young professional will transfer skills learned at ACIC and through their educational training to assist NGOCE build its membership base and environmental services:

- -Working with NGOCE's members in environmental education and building awareness;
- -Networking with members to assess avenues in which information can be exchanged;
- -Facilitating partnership development of member organizations;
- -Conducting research into environmental issues, including bush-meat trade and baseline work on renewable energy potentials in communities; and,
- -Newsletter editing and layout.

Qualifications:

CIDA requires the intern:

- -Be aged 30 or under;
- -Be a Canadian citizen or landed immigrant able to work in Canada;
- -Be currently under or unemployed;
- -Have not previously worked outside Canada in a paid, career-related position;
- -Be a graduate of a college or university; and,
- -Have not previously participated in another Internship Program funded by the Government of Canada's Youth Employment Strategy (YES).

The ideal candidate will have:

- -Familiarity with ACIC's and NGOCE's goals and programs;
- -Interest in international cooperation and sustainable development;
- -Experience in organizational management and coordination;
- -Proven skills in project management;
- -Ability to prioritize and effectively handle many demands;
- -Proven computer skills including MS Word, MS Publisher, MS Access, e-mail, internet, and spreadsheet development, all within a PC environment;
- -Attention to detail;
- -Flexibility in work projects;
- -Ability to take initiative;
- -Excellent communication skills, both oral and written;
- -Must be available to travel and work on a few evenings and week-ends;
- -Previous travel or overseas study experience, especially in Africa, would be an asset;
- -Flexibility in work and living environments; and,
- -Fluency in English and French would be a strong asset.

For further information, please see [www.acic-caci.org](http://www.acic-caci.org)

APPLICATIONS DUE BY: 5:00 pm Friday, September 24, 2004

Applicants should electronically provide a covering letter, highlighting their qualifications for this position, along with a resume and 3 references.

Please send resumes to:  
Jennifer Slood

Atlantic Council for International Cooperation

Email: [info@acic-caci.org](mailto:info@acic-caci.org)

We thank all candidates for their application. Unfortunately, only those under consideration will be contacted.

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Subject: sust-mar: Sable Island: Uncertain Future?

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Sable Island: Uncertain Future?

Who's looking after Sable Island? Zoe Lucas, biologist, will be giving a slide presentation on Sable Island and the important role that the Island's Station and staff play in the conservation of this utterly unique place. A panel discussion focusing on the uncertain future of the Station will follow Zoe's presentation. The event is taking place in the Sobey Building, Saint Mary's University on October 5 from 7-9. Mark it in your calendar. Brought to you by the Environmental Studies Program, Saint Mary's University, The Green Horse Society, and the Ecology Action Centre. For more information on Sable Island check out [www.greenhorsesociety.com](http://www.greenhorsesociety.com) or call the Ecology Action Centre at 902-429-2202 (Mark Butler)

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Date: Mon, 20 Sep 2004 15:50:05 -0300  
From: Karen Potter <[coordinator@cpawsns.org](mailto:coordinator@cpawsns.org)>  
Subject: sust-mar: Thursday Sept 23 - National Wilderness Advocates to meet in Halifax

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CPAWS-NS invites the public to join us on Thursday September 23 for the National AGM of the Canadian Parks and Wilderness Society (CPAWS). CPAWS-NS is proud to host members and staff from eleven chapters, nationwide, for the first gathering of CPAWS on the east coast. This is a great opportunity to hear from influential conservation leaders and wilderness advocates from coast to coast to coast!

Thursday, September 23, 2004  
Weldon Law Building, Room 105  
Dalhousie University  
6061 University Avenue

6:30 pm AGM  
Please join us to hear from our leading conservationists, including Harvey Locke!

7:30 pm Guest Speaker Dr. Jon Lien  
Dr. Lien is an Honorary Research Professor in the Biopsychology Programme and the Ocean Sciences Centre at Memorial University of Newfoundland. Currently he Chairs the Minister's Advisory Council on Oceans for the Department of Fisheries and Oceans. He is a past member of the Fisheries Resources Conservation Council in Canada.

For over twenty years he has led the Whale Research Group at Memorial University of Newfoundland that works closely with the Department of Fisheries and Oceans in managing cetaceans in the region. He was responsible for the Entrapment Assistance Programme that operated throughout the Province and helped both the animals and the fishermen with by-catch problems. Currently his research involves evaluation of the impact of whale watching on both animals and people, and estimating fecundity in populations of several species of cetaceans.

Dr. Lien will be discussing how ocean conservation is linked with community survival.

8:30 pm Reception  
Following Dr. Lien's talk, CPAWS-NS is hosting a reception to allow for an opportunity to mingle with our guests from across the country

All are welcome. Hope to see you there!

For more information, visit [www.cpawsns.org](http://www.cpawsns.org) phone 446-4155

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Date: Tue, 21 Sep 2004 14:59:51 -0300  
From: Janet Barlow <[asrts@ecologyaction.ca](mailto:asrts@ecologyaction.ca)>  
Subject: sust-mar: Walk to School Week Oct. 4-8

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WALK TO SCHOOL WEEK: OCTOBER 4 TO 8

Lace up your sneakers for Walk to School Week from October 4 to 8! Join millions of students, teachers, parents and community members around the world as they walk for the environment, health, physical activity and safety. Register at [www.goforgreen.ca/asrts](http://www.goforgreen.ca/asrts), [asrts@ecologyaction.ca](mailto:asrts@ecologyaction.ca) or (902) 442-5055.

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For more information, contact Janet Barlow at:

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[www.ecologyaction.ca](http://www.ecologyaction.ca)

International Walk to School Week is a component of Active & Safe Routes to School, which encourages the use of active modes of transportation to and from school, such as walking or cycling. It is a national Go for Green program coordinated in Nova Scotia by the Ecology Action Centre in partnership with the Nova Scotia Office of Health Promotion, Sport and Recreation Division.

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Date: Wed, 15 Sep 2004 12:25:24 -0300  
From: "Emily McMillan" <[emilym@sierraclub.ca](mailto:emilym@sierraclub.ca)>  
Subject: sust-mar: job opportunity with Sierra Youth Coalition

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JOB OPPORTUNITY

Regional Project Coordinator OPPORTUNITIES  
Sustainable Campuses  
Sierra Youth Coalition EMPLOYMENT

- --PLEASE CIRCULATE--

Job Classification: Student Positions  
Late September 2004 to April 2005 part-time  
Position Title: Atlantic Regional Coordinator,  
Sustainable Campuses  
Application Deadline: September 20th, 2004  
Wage: \$12.50/hour

The Sierra Youth Coalition is looking to hire a Regional Coordinator for the Atlantic provinces. This individual will be integral in spreading the tremendous successes of the Greening the Ivory Towers project. The ideal candidate is a motivated, inspired and knowledgeable student, has been active in the sustainable campuses movement, and has previous experience with SYC programs. As this is a demanding project with huge rewards it is desired that successful applicants not have a full/heavy course load.

Project Overview:

The Sustainable Campuses project is currently one of SYC's main focus areas. The project seeks to inspire, inform, train, and support Canadian students in the pursuit of social and environmental change through their campus. The Sustainable Campuses project aims to promote a systematic approach to change in campus practices. It promotes students' efforts to work within the systems of their educational institutions in order to create permanent, institutionalized mechanisms to ensure sustainability.

In 2003, the Sierra Youth Coalition launched an innovative project to assist students, faculty and administration in increasing the sustainability of Canadian post-secondary institutions through improved

understanding of their ecological, economical and social impacts. That is the goal of Greening the Ivory Towers: Academia to Action.

This project uses Canada's first academically developed Campus Sustainability Assessment Framework (CSAF) to assist universities in accurately understanding their socio-economic and environmental impacts. The CSAF was designed to offer support, resources and assistance in developing solutions that address overarching structural problems in society, as well as striving to facilitate institutional and lifestyle changes.

Responsibilities:

- 1) To work closely with a minimum of 3 campuses at implementing the Greening the Ivory Towers project;
- 2) To recruit volunteers to help oversee the project on each campus;
- 3) To train campus community members of conducting audits, setting processes and strategic planning;
- 4) Outreach to participants within and outside the current Sustainable Campuses Network;
- 5) Report regularly to National Coordinator and participate consistently on Regional Coordinator calls;
- 6) Network with regional groups as a representative of the Sierra Youth Coalition;
- 7) Attend Regional Coordinator Training in Ottawa between Aug. 29th - Sept. 2nd;
- 8) Attend the Sierra Youth Coalition Sustainable Campuses Conference between Sep. 30th - Oct. 3rd.

Preferred Qualifications:

- Ø Possess knowledge of campus sustainability initiatives and the Sierra Youth Coalitions programs;
- Ø Bilingual (french/english) will be required in some regions;
- Ø Strong writing and research skills;
- Ø Ability work in flexible work environment;
- Ø Ability to work independently but also as part of a team;
- Ø Ability to learn quickly;
- Ø Strong organizational and project coordination skills;

For more information please view the Sierra Youth Coalition website: [www.syc-cjs.org/gitp](http://www.syc-cjs.org/gitp)

IT IS PREFERRED THAT CANDIDATES SEND THEIR CV, COVER LETTER AND A SHORT WRITING SAMPLE ELECTRONICALLY! (to help save paper) Put Sustainable Campuses CV in the subject area and email to [fernando@syc-cjs.org](mailto:fernando@syc-cjs.org)

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