

CPPI supports University of Waterloo research on pollution prevention

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(Ottawa) – The Canadian Petroleum Products Institute¹ today announced that it would provide \$12,000 in support of continuing research by Dr. J.F. Barker on the fate and transformation of plumes of gasoline containing ethanol in soil and water. This funding is in addition to funding historically provided by other organizations including the American Petroleum Institute and the Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council (NSERC).

“This research will increase our scientific knowledge enabling a better understanding of the fate and transformation of plumes of gasoline containing ethanol in soil and water”, said Peter Boag, President of CPPI.

In Canada, it is particularly important because of a proliferation of renewable fuels mandates.

Mr. Boag added, “CPPI members place considerable importance on improved understanding of the science. This will assist in modifying environmental managing systems to enhance pollution prevention measures, spill response measures and site remediation and restoration plans for CPPI member operations in regards to “ethanolized” gasoline”.

Additionally, CPPI and its members have been playing a very active role as an informed stakeholder in policy advocacy on brownfield remediation in all jurisdictions of Canada.

George Vincent, Chair of the CPPI National Contaminated Sites Committee said, “We believe it essential that all policies and regulations reflect the best and latest science and considerations of risk for fully protecting human health and the environment.”

This is the latest in a series of CPPI collaborative projects with government and academia relating to environmental management and remediation. In January, the Redevelopment Framework for Former Service Stations was launched as an online decision-support tool designed to guide municipalities, property owners, developers, and other stakeholders through the redevelopment of under-utilized and abandoned service stations (see www.aboutremediation.com).

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