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by Sauvons nos Enfants des Micro-Ondes (Save our children from micro-wave dangers)

The ongoing debate in Canada regarding health consequences of involuntary and unremitting exposure to microwave emissions coming from “smart” meters, cell phone base station antennas, wifi, etc., has elicited many personal reports from those suffering electrosensitivity. Many citizen groups and associations, having received such reports, hope that these will not have been in vain and will contribute to ongoing follow-up on these matters in Ottawa. We are very pleased at the setting up by the federal NDP of an:

ELECTROSENSITIVITY REGISTRY

Registry of persons whose health has been affected by devices using wireless microwave technologies

Creation of this Registry is a concrete response to one of 5 recommendations contained in the Report of the Standing Committee on Health, which examined the impact of microwaves on health (Report submitted December 2010).

Excerpt from the Health Committee Report (1):

5. Health Canada ensure that it has a process in place to receive and respond to reports of adverse reactions to electromagnetic radiation emitting devices.

Charmaine Borg, MP, designated by the NDP caucus as responsible for this dossier in Ottawa, has agreed to receive submissions from people suffering from this condition.

Anyone desiring to attest to his/her situation is invited to mail or email to the following addresses:

Email : Charmaine.Borg@parl.gc.ca

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(No postage required!)

It is recommended to specify the microwave source(s) suspected of producing these problems: wireless “smart” meters, wifi routers, cell phone base station antennae, cell phones, cordless phones, wireless computers, Bluetooth device, Wii and XBOX virtual game devices, etc.

The federal government has until now ignored this majority Report recommendation by MPs (from all parties except Conservative) on the Standing Committee on Health. This recommendation was based on the Committee’s having noted that indeed there are people

affected in such a way by microwave exposures (including self-report by one Committee Member, Serge Cardin, at both hearings of April 27 & 29, 2010), in contrast to Health Canada's negation of such a possibility, there thus being nowhere in Canada to receive such citizen complaints.

Health Canada maintains that according to some forty studies recognized by its experts, this is a psychiatric matter. It was in the context of this denialist approach that the Registry was recommended. It should allow accumulation of evidence to confront the official Health Canada denial of much other existing scientific study.

This type of evidence, demonstrating a clear relationship between health effects and microwave sources, has in Europe led to many appeals by physicians in various countries, demanding application of the Precautionary Principle (2). These appeals have led the European Environment Agency, the European Parliament and now the Council of Europe, to recommend safer public microwave exposure levels at thousands of times lower than Canadian norms (3).

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NB: The Committee's third recommendation has also not been heeded:

“3. [...] develop a comprehensive risk awareness program for exposure to radiofrequency electromagnetic radiation [...] as well as the provision of information promoting the safe use of wireless technologies.”

- (1) <http://www.parl.gc.ca/HousePublications/Publication.aspx?DocId=4834477&Language=E&Mode=1&Parl=40&Ses=3&File=48#concl>
- (2) http://web.archive.org/web/20070930041008/http://www.emrnetwork.org/news/IGUMED_english.pdf
- (3) <http://assembly.coe.int/main.asp?Link=/documents/workingdocs/doc11/edoc12608.htm>

