



October 26, 2005

Honourable George Abbott, Minister  
Ministry of Health  
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Dear Minister:

**RE: Environmental Public Health Week 2006**

On behalf of the Canadian Institute of Public Health Inspectors (CIPHI), I am pleased to announce **Environmental Public Health Week 2006**. This initiative was established in 2003, for the purpose of:

- Recognizing the work of Environmental Public Health Professionals (EHPs) such as certified Public Health Inspectors, certified Environmental Health Officers and other allied Environmental Public Health occupations in British Columbia and across Canada.
- Heightening the visibility of our profession and public health issues to both the general public and our private/public sector partners.

Environmental Public Health Week has been planned as an annual week of recognition with the dates commemorating CIPHI's incorporation date. Next year's Environmental Public Health Week has been set for January 2-8, 2006.

The basic cornerstone of a healthy population is the protection of the public from environmental hazards potentially afflicting their daily lives including, but not limited to, the provision of safe food, safe air, safe housing and safe water. These are the core services provided by the EHPs employed by the six governing health authorities and private industry within British Columbia. As a province known for an exemplary health care system, the front line professionals who work diligently to protect the public's health, as EHPs do, should be recognized.

Therefore, on behalf of CIPHI and the EHPs that we represent, I am respectfully requesting your assistance in launching Environmental Public Health Week 2006 by having the Government of British Columbia proclaim January 2 to 8, 2006 as **Environmental Public Health Week**.

Public acknowledgement of the important work that EHPs do on a daily basis to protect the health of British Columbians would be well received, especially by front-line workers. The Governments of Manitoba and Saskatchewan proclaimed Environmental Public Health Week in 2005 and we look forward to the province of British Columbia joining this initiative.

Thank you for your consideration in making this initiative a success. If you should require further information please contact me at [steve.chong@vch.ca](mailto:steve.chong@vch.ca) or by telephone at (604) 233-3172.

Yours sincerely,

Steve Chong  
BC Branch President

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