

Workshop / Conference summarizing the results of the Arctic Monitoring and Assessment Program's Human Health Assessment Group (AMAP HHAG Research Program (2002 – 2008))

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Update:

A joint AMAP and Northern Contaminants Program (NCP) symposium was held in Iqaluit, Nunavut, Canada, June 10-12, 2009. At this meeting the third NCP and AMAP Human Health Assessments reports on environmental contaminants were released and the results were discussed (AMAP, 2009; CACHAR, 2009). The symposium demonstrated that the overall management of contaminants issue in the Arctic by all partners has been effective in reducing the health risks to northern populations from environmental contaminants. While the results indicate that there are declines in many contaminants in several Arctic Regions, there are still indications that there may be subtle health effects (cardiovascular, immunological) due to contaminants in some Arctic populations. The symposium reemphasized the importance of biomonitoring of persistent organic pollutants and metals to track international protocols, biomonitoring of emerging contaminants, quality control of laboratory methods, health effects research, and dietary choice, risk perception and risk communication.

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