Eliminating Asbestos Use and Export in Canada: Protecting Workers in Canada and Abroad
Asbestos in Canada:
Historical and existing mines
Naturally occurring asbestos deposits
Vermiculite processing facilities

Source CAREX Canada, for more information see:
http://www.carexcanada.ca/en/asbestos/environmental_estimate/#provincial_tables_and_maps
ASBESTOS

Bienvenue

1899 1999
Abandoned Mines, exploited communities

Asbestos, Quebec 1879-2001

Baie Verte Nfld 1963-1990
Exploitation of asbestos miners coast to coast

1952-2000

Cassiar B.C “ghost town”
“A war for health and safety; Miners support each other as number of asbestos-related illnesses grow”

UPS Western Star

Their demands are simple. The 500 Baie Verte, Newfoundland miners are not asking for more pay or more vacation time. Instead they want double lockers: one for their clean clothes and another to store their asbestos-covered work clothes. They want car washes and showers. They want a clean lunchroom. It’s all in an attempt to protect themselves and their families from exposure to the deadly asbestos dust.
Dying for a living: cancer, asbestos and occupational disease in Canada

Northern Ontario asbestos mine 'worst yet' with workers covered in fibre, Lewis says

By JOAN HOLLOBON

Asbestos workers in a mine-mill operation at Mattagami, about 40 miles south-east of Timmins, were seen last fall with their overalls and faces "totally covered with asbestos fibres," according to an Ontario Government report quoted last night by New Democratic Party mine was then producing about 4,000 tons of asbestos a day.

Mr. Rajhans's report also noted that "the poor working conditions created by these spills and fibre cannot be emphasized. The floors and equipment were covered with a thick layer of asbestos dust which appeared to get airborne by the slightest motion created by the work.

The engineer said workers in the areas of high asbestos fibre were not wearing respirators. "According to Mr. (I. Cool) (mine manager) the general requirement was the workers to wear a B.C. union man says.

Health hazard extremely low, asbestos firm's doctor says

Fibre in asbestos mill 16 times safety level

Delivered lunches at asbestos plant, woman has cancer

By THOMAS COLEMAN
“Outrageous Misconduct: The Asbestos Industry On Trial”

“But as long as the man is not disabled it is felt that he should not be told of his condition so that he can live and work in peace and the company can benefit by his many years of experience.”

• Johns–Manville medical consultant, Dr. Kenneth Wallace Smith (cited in Brodeur P. Outrageous Misconduct: The Asbestos Industry On Trial.)
Asbestos Use in Canada and New Cases of Mesothelioma in Ontario and British Columbia

Metric Tonnes

Domestic Consumption
ON Mesothelioma
BC Mesothelioma

YEAR

Cases
New cases of mesothelioma in men in Canada from 1984 to 2003.
Québec areas with a statistically significant excess of pleural malignant mesothelioma (MM) and asbestosis (A), 1982-2002

• LEGACY OF DISEASE: ONGOING CAMPAIGNS
Asbestos-Related Workers’ Compensation Claims, BC

- Other Cancers
- Mesothelioma
Asbestos-Related Cancers in Canada

- There are as many as 500 mesotheliomas diagnosed each year.
- Based on estimates from epidemiologic studies, there are 1300-2100 lung cancers each year.
- Asbestos has also been associated with larynx, ovary, pharynx, stomach, and colorectal cancer.

⇒ Asbestos may be responsible for at least 2000 new cancers each year in Canada, mostly fatal.
Canada exports 120,000 tonnes of asbestos to India and other countries in South Asia.

BAN ASBESTOS CANADA is a coalition of unions and health and social activism organizations committed to banning the export of asbestos and securing just compensation and transition for Canadian workers. We work in solidarity with the international ban asbestos movement.

Learn more at www.bacanada.org.
Asbestos: Linking issues

- Worker and Union history of struggle for healthier workplaces
- just compensation and job transition
- Policy endorsements: labour federations
- Links with cancer agencies, research community, and social justice organizations
- Media support and extended coverage/Quebec and national
- Political Party Support for Asbestos Export Ban
“The true burden of asbestos related cancer is much greater than just mesothelioma”

“Canadian Cancer Society Joins Labour Call For Asbestos Ban”
Fibre Exposures over TLV
Quebec 2001-2005: Debunking the myth of “safe exposures” in Quebec...

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46% of samples in asbestos products industries were over 200% higher than legal exposure limits.
Building Trades Workers: 1514 workers seen; 679 claims, over 350 for asbestos disease
Parliament Building March & Protest
Canadian Building Trades, CLC and BAC

In solidarity with the asbestos miners struggles from 1949 to today..
Canadian Labour Congress challenges Prime Minister on asbestos

Canada must end its support for the deadly asbestos export trade. We call upon you to put people’s lives ahead of politics.
K. Georgetti
President, CLC

Truth about Canadian Asbestos and Mesothelioma
Percentage of Canadian Exports to Destination Countries, 2010

- Pakistan, 3.4%
- India, 52.7%
- Sri Lanka, 5.8%
- Indonesia, 16.2%
- Mexico, 3.5%
Canada’s ugly secret exposed: Media Campaign

Special Report: International
Asbestos production increases despite WHO opposition

To Prime Minister Harper:

September 10 marks the tenth anniversary of the adoption of the U.N. Rotterdam Convention. This global treaty calls for all countries to work towards eliminating asbestos by 2020.

Asbestos killing more Canadians than ever; like old 'landmines'

NDP Asbestos policy applauded

Globe and Mail
November 1, 2008

Ottawa silent on danger of Quebec asbestos

NDP private member’s bill would ban asbestos

September 10, 2009
Last Mine Shut down!

GLOBE EDITORIAL
Quebec should let the asbestos industry die

The Globe and Mail
Marois pledges to cancel $58-million loan to Quebec asbestos mine

RÉAL SÉGUIN AND LES PERREAUX
Rouyn-Noranda and Saint-Romain, Quebec — The Globe and Mail
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Ottawa does U-turn on asbestos mining

STEVEN CHASE AND LES PERREAUX
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Main recipients of Canadian asbestos exports: Exports Shut down (not banned)
Continuing to “Manufacture doubt” WORLDWIDE

- Dr. David M. Bernstein, Ph.D. (Switzerland)
- Title: Health Risk of Chrysotile Revisited
- “Chrysotile,…… falls apart in the lung …”
- Ottawa, CLC Executive Board, 2011

- Dr. Jacques Dunnigan (Canada)
- Title: Risk Assessment and Risk Management of Chrysotile Asbestos
- On the “correct” interpretation of the IARC classification of human carcinogens;

Director, Health and Environment Division of the Asbestos Institute

CBC, Canada 2010
New Delhi, India Dec. 2013
Asbestos consumption (kg per head per year) in 1960-69

Mesothelioma deaths per million per year 2000-04

Canada exports: Indian worker unloads Canadian asbestos
Chinese Asbestos Textile Workers
Four Pillars:
1. Union solidarity; 2. community coalitions; 3. media support; 4. political alliances

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Marois pledges to cancel $58-million loan to Quebec asbestos mine

CALL OF CONSCIENCE TO PRIME MINISTER HARPER
STOP OBSTRUCTING THE ROTTERDAM CONVENTION

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International Struggle to Ban Asbestos Continues....

BAN ASBESTOS
THE CANADIAN MADE EPIDEMIC

TO THE HOUSE OF COMMONS IN PARLIAMENT ASSEMBLED
We, the undersigned residents of Canada, draw the attention of the House to the following:
• Asbestos is the greatest industrial killer the world has ever known;
• Canada remains one of the largest producers and exporters of asbestos;
• Canada allows asbestos to be used in construction materials, textile products and
  even children’s toys; and,
• Canada spends millions subsidizing the asbestos industry and blocking international
  efforts to curb its use.

Therefore, your petitioners call upon Parliament to:
• BAN ASBESTOS IN ALL ITS FORMS AND INSTITUTE A JUST TRANSITION PROGRAM FOR
  ASBESTOS WORKERS AND THE COMMUNITIES THEY LIVE IN;
• END ALL GOVERNMENT SUBSIDIES OF ASBESTOS BOTH IN CANADA AND ABROAD;
  AND,
• STOP BLOCKING INTERNATIONAL HEALTH AND SAFETY CONVENTIONS DESIGNED TO
  PROTECT WORKERS FROM ASBESTOS, SUCH AS THE ROTTERDAM CONVENTION.

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