

## Assessing Alternative Substances To Phosphorus Compounds

*(in household products such as laundry detergents, dishwashing compounds and cleaners)*

On April 25, 2009, Environment Canada published notification in Canada Gazette Part I, of a Section 71 survey to gather information for the purposes of assessment of alternative substances to phosphorus compounds that will be phased out of Household laundry detergents, Household dish-washing compounds and Household cleaners.

Since NTA is already being assessed under the Chemical Management Plan (Batch 8) it is exempted from this notice.

Any person (company) who manufactured and/or imported a total combined quantity greater than 10,000 Kg, for any given calendar year since January 1, 2004, a household laundry detergent and/or household dish-washing compound and/or a household cleaner that exceeded a phosphorus compound concentration of 0.5% by weight expressed as elemental phosphorus, must respond to the survey.

Information requested in the survey must be provided to Environment Canada by August 25<sup>th</sup>, 2009. Full text of the notice complete with the details on who to contact with any questions and where to submit the required information, is available at <http://canadagazette.gc.ca/rp-pr/p1/2009/2009-04-25/html/notice-avis-eng.html#d102>.

It is expected that the regulations detailing the elimination of the use of phosphorus in the above mentioned household products will be published in Canada Gazette Part II by June of this year.