

Summary of a Public Comment Received on the Ethanol, 2-[(2-aminoethyl) amino] - (AEEA) (CAS RN 111-41-1) draft Screening Assessment

A comment received on the draft Screening Assessment for AEEA as part of the Chemicals Management Plan, Substance Groupings Initiative, was submitted by the Canadian Vehicle Manufacturers' Association (CVMA).

A summary of the comment and response is presented below:

Follow-up Options.....**Error! Bookmark not defined.**

TOPIC	COMMENT	RESPONSE
Follow-up Options	Applying a significant new activity (SNAc) requirement to non-toxic substances increases regulatory burden on industry. It is recognized that the government is concerned about potential new uses and wishes to monitor changes in AEEA use. Other options for tracking AEEA use, such as market surveillance or using the <i>Domestic Substances List</i> Inventory Update tool are suggested instead of creating a SNAc. Also, given the human health hazard potential as noted in the draft Screening Assessment, there should be no restrictions when used in industrial applications where potential for exposure is minimized.	<p>Although it is concluded that AEEA does not meet criteria set out in paragraph 64 of the <i>Canadian Environmental Protection Act, 1999</i> (CEPA 1999), it is recognized as having health effects of concern (i.e. developmental and reproductive effects in animal studies). AEEA is mostly used in industrial or commercial activities. However there is a concern that these commercial products may become available to consumers. These consumer products could potentially increase exposure of Canadians to AEEA and be of concern given the potential health effects associated with the substance.</p> <p>The Government of Canada has assessed the available options for monitoring changes in uses of AEEA, and application of the SNAc provisions to AEEA is being proposed as the best option for this substance. The SNAc provisions would allow the Government to assess potential risks associated with proposed new activities before the activities begin. The Government of Canada is considering a SNAc wherein the definition of the significant new activities related to the substance would target only those potential activities that are suspected of posing risk to the environment or human health.</p>