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Product Care Appoints Doug Thiemann as Ontario Vice President

Mark Kurschner, President of Product Care Association is pleased to announce that **Doug Thiemann** has been appointed Regional Vice President for Product Care based in Ontario.

Product Care has been preparing for municipal hazardous and special waste (MHSW) stewardship in Ontario for many years. The appointment of Doug Thiemann as Product Care's Regional Vice President gives Product Care a solid foundation in Ontario on which to build.

Doug has been involved in Ontario product stewardship since the Interim Waste Diversion Organization was formed. He participated as a member of the MHSW committee charged with developing the MHSW program plan which has now been posted on the MoE's Environmental Registry (see below).

Just prior to his appointment, Doug was General Manager, Paint Division of Home Hardware. Doug has served as chair and director of Canadian Paint and Coatings Association as well as director of Canadian Consumer Specialty Products Association. Doug holds a PhD in chemistry.

Doug's participation in waste diversion planning in Ontario, his industry and technical background and his familiarity with Product Care and its programs, make him the ideal candidate for this keystone position.

Doug can be reached at 905-391-0595, or by email: doug@productcare.org .

Ontario MHSW Program Plans Submitted and Posted by MoE

The Ontario Ministry of the Environment continues to move quickly through the steps necessary to bring the Municipal Hazardous and Special Waste Program into effect. The program plan was developed by the Stewardship Ontario MHSW Program Committee led by Jim Quick of CPCA, supported by a project development team which included Product Care. The MHSW program plan has been posted on the Ontario Environmental Registry (see [MHSW Plan Posting](#)) and comments must be submitted by July 11, 2007. If approved by MoE, the start date of the program would be decided by MoE, but many consider January 1, 2008 to be a likely date.

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