



ONTARIO MINISTRY OF LABOUR

The following is an extract from the Ministry's website.

The Ontario Ministry of Labour is seeking input on the proposed adoption of new or revised occupational exposure limits (OELs) or listings for 21 chemical substances. OELs restrict the amount and duration of worker exposure to hazardous workplace substances. The proposed limits are based on recommendations by the [American Conference of Governmental Industrial Hygienists](#), (ACGIH).

The [table](#) posted on the Ministry's website contains new or revised OELs or listings proposed for 21 substances based on changes recently recommended by the ACGIH. It can also be seen on the CWA website at www.cwa-acs.org/Newsletters/OEL.pdf. Of primary interest to the welding community are:

- Consolidation of four separate listings for aluminum and its compounds into one listing for aluminum metal and insoluble compounds.
- The withdrawal of specific exposure limits for welding fume, not otherwise specified, in accordance with ACGIH practice. Worker exposure to welding fume would be regulated by the OELs for the individual components of the fume along with the OEL for Particles (insoluble or poorly soluble) Not Otherwise Specified.

Since a reduction in the exposure limit or changes in the particle size fraction may impact sampling and analytical methods, we are interested in hearing your comments about these changes as revised limits. Stakeholder input is an essential part of the OEL updating process. Stakeholders are invited to submit comments on any or all of the proposed OEL changes. Specific concerns should contain a clear description of the rationale and appropriate documentation.

CWA has obtained an extension of the original submission date from September 16 to December 31. We recommend that you send your concerns about these changes directly to the Ministry at uelupdateproject@ontario.ca and send a copy to CWA before November 30. Indicate in your response to the Ministry that you are taking advantage of the CWA's deadline extension.

DAN TADIC IS ANNOUNCED AS DIRECTOR OF THE CANADIAN WELDING ASSOCIATION

On October 27, Doug Luciani, President and CEO of CWB Group, announced the appointment of Dan Tadic to the position of Director of the Canadian Welding Association, effective January 5, 2009.

Dan has thirty years of industry experience, and will be joining us from Praxair where he held the role of Strategic Account Manager. During his time with Praxair, Dan became actively involved in the Canadian Welding Association (CWA), holding positions within the Executive Committee for the Hamilton Chapter, including Chairman and Vice Chairman.

As a member of the CWA, Dan has successfully raised the profile of the association in the community through fund-raising, supporting high-school welding programs, coordinating and setting up CWB Weld Test Centres in schools, and organizing a number of industry education forums and events.

His enthusiasm, history and experience with the CWA provides insight that will enhance, strengthen and grow support for our Chapters, members and organization alike. Please join me in congratulating and welcoming Dan and wishing him success in his new role. We look forward to the many contributions Dan will bring to the Canadian Welding Association.

UNIVERSITY OF WATERLOO WELDING SCHOLARSHIPS

Mike Cherry Memorial Scholarship

Last week the University of Waterloo announced that Jeff Routledge is the recipient of the Canadian Welding Association's Mike Cherry Memorial Scholarship. Jeff is a 4th year student in the U of W's Welding and Joining Specialization in the Mechanical Engineering program who received an overall average of 80.6%.

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This \$2,500 scholarship is funded by the proceeds of a golf tournament that is hosted by CWA's Toronto Chapter. It will be awarded at the Thirty-Third Annual Engineering Awards Dinner scheduled for Thursday, November 13 in Waterloo.

Last year's recipient, Erik Szakaly graduated from the Mechanical Engineering BAsC program at U of W with distinction. He accepted a position as a Project Engineer with BP Canada Energy Co., Canada Gas Business Unit, in Calgary, Alberta.

R.M. Gooderham Scholarship

The CWB Group is proud to announce the winner of the R.M. Gooderham Scholarship this year is **Keiran Thomas**, who is enrolled in the University of Waterloo's Welding and Joining Specialization program. The R.M. Gooderham Scholarship was established in 2002 by the CWB Group Board of Directors to honour Mr. R.M. Gooderham, the first General Manager of the Canadian Welding Bureau (a division of the CWB Group). A \$5,000 scholarship is awarded annually to a student taking the Welding & Joining Specialization in the Mechanical Engineering program, and who has achieved an excellent academic record and demonstrates a desire to pursue a career in the welding fabricating industry.

Our congratulations go out to Jeff and Keiran!

TAM NGUYEN RECEIVES THE CHARLES H. JENNINGS AWARD

Dr. Tam Nguyen was the 2008 recipient of the prestigious **Charles H. Jennings Award** from the American Welding Society. This award recognizes the lead author of an article, published during the previous calendar year in the **AWS Welding Journal**, which describes work conducted primarily by students and faculty at a college or university and is considered to be the source of a most valuable contribution to welding literature. His paper, **The Discontinuous Weld Bead Defect in High-Speed Gas Metal Arc Welds**, was published in November 2007, and for the first time identified the root causes of a problem that occurs in high-speed production welding and that is a serious impediment to advances in GMAW productivity improvement in industry world-wide. This work was conducted at the University of Waterloo under the supervision of Dr. D.C. Weckman and Dr. D.A. Johnson (co-authors).

Dr. Nguyen is currently employed as a Professor at Conestoga College where he teaches in the Welding & Robotics Engineering Technology and the Mechanical Systems Engineering (applied degree) programs. He also holds the position of adjunct Professor at the University of Waterloo where he lectures on welding engineering subjects.

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