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SCIENCE NOTES

Acid Rain Materials Available from Canadian Embassy

The Public Affairs division of the Canadian Embassy has made available a set of informational publications on acid rain. The set includes three color folders dealing with the causes and effects of acid rain as well as current regulations and programs working to control the growing problem.

"Canada-United States Acid Rain" describes the problem of acid rain and includes a report from the National Acid Precipitation Assessment Program (initiated by the United States Congress in 1980). "Fact Sheet on Acid Rain" contains informative sections about the causes of acid rain, its effects and the regions most affected by it, where the blame for acid rain falls and neutralization and prevention techniques. Accompanying colored maps illustrate where acid rain falls and what areas of North America are most sensitive to acid rain.

"Stopping Acid Rain" is a folder detailing Canada's efforts to stop the progress of acid rain. Included in the information are program outlines from different Canadian provinces (i.e. Quebec, Ontario), federal regulations and separate sheets dealing with health effects, aquatic effects, common questions and Canadian achievements in the field of acid rain.

The publications may be obtained free of charge by writing to the Canadian Embassy, Public Affairs Division, 1771 N. Street, NW, Room 300, Washington, DC 20036-2879.

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Acid Rain Poster Available

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's Publication Department has made available a poster entitled "Acid Rain: The Effects on Aquatic Species." The poster includes descriptions of acid rain and pH, the causes of acid rain, its effects and methods of testing.

A color illustration lists several varieties of aquatic species and the levels of acidity in which they can survive. A pH scale at the bottom of the poster offers students a comparative listing of pH factors (ranging from lye at the basic end [pH 13] to battery acid at the acidic end [pH 1] with acid rain falling between carrots and lemon juice [pH 6-2]). The poster also lists organizations to which students and teachers can write for more information on acid rain.

To receive the poster free of charge, contact the Publication Unit, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Room 148, Matonic Building, 1717 H Street, NW, Washington, DC.

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