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NEWS YOU CAN USE

from the
Committee on Environmental Health

CHAPTERS 2 AND 3, NEW YORK STATE AAP

If
Environmental
Health
interests you,
please join us!

We welcome
new members
from both
Chapters
2 and 3.

Sunscreen and Children

Some ingredients in sunscreens may be toxic or ineffective. Here is a good aid to counseling families about sunscreen use:

<http://www.ewg.org/2015sunscreen/>

LEAD NY Times Op-Ed Worth Reading

http://www.nytimes.com/2015/06/14/opinion/the-toxic-legacy-of-lead-paint.html?_r=0

Educational Interventions for Children Affected by Lead

http://www.cdc.gov/nceh/lead/publications/Educational_Interventions_Children_Affected_by_Lead.pdf

Fracking Updated

Fracking was banned by Governor Cuomo in NY State in December 2014 due to health risk concerns:

http://www.nytimes.com/2014/12/18/nyregion/cuomo-to-ban-fracking-in-new-york-state-citing-health-risks.html?_r=0

Concerned Health Professionals of NY released a compendium of related health studies:
<http://concernedhealthny.org/>

E-Cig Update

An excellent article by Sophie Balk of Chapter 3 about the risks of vaping.
<http://health.usnews.com/health-news/patient-advice/articles/2015/07/06/the-dangers-of-e-cigarettes-and-how-to-protect-your-kids>

Climate Change and Kids

A short primer on the effects on children's health:
<http://ny2aap.org/pdf/ClimateChangeandChildrensHealth.pdf>

Text of the Pope's Encyclical About Climate Change

Pope calls for sweeping action on climate - calling attention to *our* moral responsibility to protect those most vulnerable including children:

http://w2.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/encyclicals/documents/papa-francesco_20150524_enciclica-laudato-si.html

Illegal Dumping in Suffolk: Education Materials Check them out and win a chance for a free Green Book

In 2013 and 2014, contaminated construction debris was dumped at several locations in Suffolk County. The Pediatric Environmental Health Specialty Unit (PEHSU) at Mount Sinai received multiple calls from families and physicians near the impacted areas to discuss the possible health impacts and how to reduce exposures. These documents were created to answer the most frequently asked questions and provide relevant resources to families:

<http://www.nysceeh.org/nys-center-of-excellence-in-childrens-environmental-health-at-stony-brook-resources/>

If you access the resources, we would appreciate your time in completing this brief online survey for a chance to win a FREE Pediatric Environmental Health 3rd edition "Green Book": www.surveymonkey.com/r/RDGV59