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EC - US SYMPOSIUM ON LEAD IMPACT

WASHINGTON -- September 29 -- A joint symposium organized by the European Community (EC) Commission and the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) will convene in Amsterdam October 2 to discuss health problems caused by lead in the environment.

The 470 participants from 26 countries and six international organizations will include biologists and other scientists, public health officials, and representatives from concerned industries. One hundred reports are scheduled to be presented during the five-day discussion.

Opening the symposium will be Fitzhugh Green, EPA Associate Administrator for International Affairs, and Albert Coppe, EC Commissioner responsible for social affairs.

Popularly known as "lead impact," this environmental hazard by polluting air and water affects plants and animals alike. Because of the "food chain," lead toxin affects man's digestive system and metabolism.