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To: All BCEHS Employees/Ambulance Paramedics of BC CUPE Local 873 Members

RE: Earth Month Pins Available – Updated Information Below

Each year on April 22, [Earth Day](#) is marked across the globe. Since 1970, this environmental movement has provided a voice to environmental consciousness. The month of April is also considered Earth Month.

This year, to celebrate and bring awareness to Earth Month, the joint BCEHS/APBC Decarbonization Committee is pleased to offer all BCEHS staff an Earth Pin to wear throughout April — and beyond. Wearing an Earth Pin acknowledges the health impacts of our current climate emergency, the importance of taking action and demonstrates your willingness to adopt more sustainable practices both at work and elsewhere.

Last year, the Decarbonization Committee sent out a survey to BCEHS vehicle operators, asking about the practice of idling work vehicles. Almost 750 respondents provided survey answers, along with over 1,700 comments. In April, to coincide with Earth Month, we'll release the results of this survey and provide details of how the Committee intends to address what we've heard.

While we work to implement some of the solutions, keep an eye out at your stations for posters on how you can reduce idling. Throughout April, we challenge you to reduce your idling time!

How to Order an Earth Pin: [Revised](#)

Request your Earth pin by submitting this form: <https://forms.office.com/r/tdcz6PGa6U>. Alternatively, you can also submit your request to David.Hollingworth@bcehs.ca including your station/work address and full name. Deadline for ordering is 11:59pm March 20, 2023.

Thank you for your commitment to protect and conserve the earth's natural resources for future generations.

Sincerely,

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