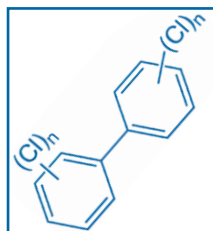


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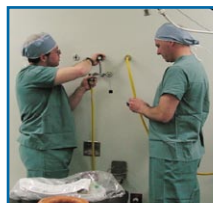
RPC Continues to Expand Service Offerings: PCB Congeners, Medical Gas, and Food Chemistry Latest Additions

Fredericton, December 1, 2011 - RPC offers an extensive scope of analytical services and we are constantly working to add new capabilities. Recently, the Standards Council of Canada (SCC) approved a scope extension to include accreditation for PCB congeners, the new medical gas standard, and a variety of food chemistry parameters.



PCB Congeners

Polychlorinated biphenyls (PCB) are toxic and classified as a persistent organic pollutant (POP), meaning they are resistant to typical environmental degradation. PCB congeners are a class of organic compounds consisting of 2 benzene rings with 2 to 10 chlorine atoms attached. The various combinations result in 209 congeners. Some compounds in the group share a structural similarity and toxic mode of action with dioxin. These characteristics result in low acceptable threshold requiring specialized analytical capability. RPC has developed this capability and is accredited by the SCC for the service. To learn more, see [here](#).



Medical Gas

Medical facilities that are installing or renovating medical gas piping systems are required to have the system certified through an accredited inspection. RPC has been accredited for medical gas piping system inspection for over 20 years. Additionally, RPC has been providing accredited medical gas analyses in our breathing air lab. RPC has recently amended our medical gas analysis accreditation to meet the newly released medical gas standard. To learn more about RPC's medical gas certification service, see [here](#).



Food Chemistry

Most prepackaged foods and food products sold in retail outlets in Canada require nutritional labeling. Core nutritional labels include information on calories and 13 nutrients as defined in the Food and Drug Regulation and outlined in the Guide to Food Labeling and Advertising. RPC offers full nutritional analysis of food and food products that meets all requirements for Canadian and US food composition labels and is accredited by SCC. To learn more about RPC's food chemistry and other food services, see [here](#).

Eric Cook, Executive Director of RPC, noted, "We are very pleased to be offering these new services. As New Brunswick's provincial research organization, we understand the significance of our mandate to support business with their research and technical needs. The local availability of these accredited services is another positive example of RPC continuing to fulfill its mandate."

About RPC

RPC is New Brunswick's provincial research organization (PRO), an independent contract research and development and technical services organization located in Fredericton, NB. RPC's complement of 98 scientists, engineers and technologists are supported by a 13,000 sq. meter facility housing world-class analytical chemistry and material-testing laboratories, comprehensive life science capabilities, an internationally recognized fish health lab, extensive prototype design, manufacturing and testing services, and a wide variety of pilot facilities for the development and improvement of industrial and environmental processes and products.

RPC is accredited by various organizations including the Standards Council of Canada (SCC) and is ISO 9001:2008 certified. Further information about RPC's services is available from <http://www.rpc.ca>.

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