

## **RSC Expert Panel • A Review of Safety Code 6 (2013): Health Canada's Safety Limits for Exposure to Radiofrequency Fields**

In selecting the panel members for the Expert Panel on the Review of Safety Code 6, and the individuals that participated in the peer reviewer process, the Royal Society of Canada ensured that there was a wide range of expertise and a diversity of opinion and perspectives on the subject of radio frequency exposure and human health.

The Royal Society is grateful to both groups of talented individuals who participated in this process.

The Panelists reviewed all of the detailed comments and suggestions provided by the peer reviewers, and there were vibrant discussions and debate among panelists regarding the importance of particular studies and research approaches. In the end, the panel was unanimous in concluding that, despite the large body of literature in this area, the weight of evidence did not comprise an 'established adverse health affect' for exposure levels below the proposed limits for SC6. The panelists had the option of submitting a report in which there was not a consensus. They chose not to do so.

The effects of radio frequency exposure on human health is a very active and controversial field of research, so it is not surprising there are some from the research community who would have liked the Expert Panel to arrive at a different conclusion. That would have been the case no matter what would have been contained in the report delivered to the Royal Society.

However, the panel did recognize the importance of this issue in a world where radio frequency exposure is rapidly rising. They also strongly recommended additional research investment in carefully controlled, high quality studies.

The Royal Society of Canada encourages open and critical debate in this important research area and hopes that this expert panel report will help to make this happen.