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1. On November 17, 2009 the Australian industry body, the Energy Networks Association (ENA), (not the UK body of the same name), will host an EMF scientific workshop to explore the scientific rationale for a three-fold increase in allowable exposure limits. So says the web site

<http://www.emfacts.com/weblog/?p=1169>

I tried the ENA web site, <http://www.ena.asn.au/>, but the emf workshop item goes back to home page when you try it. So the source material was not accessible.

2. For power frequency magnetic fields the existing ICNIRP standards are at 100 and 500 microtesla for public and occupational exposure respectively. Australian industry appears to be looking for a 300 microtesla public exposure standard, at a time when public groups are calling for greater precaution. One reason appears to be that the 100 microtesla level may be often exceeded in trains and supermarket security gates.

3. Sam Milham has an interesting new paper online in Medical Hypotheses: Milham S. Historical evidence that electrification caused the 20th century epidemic of “diseases of civilization”. Med Hypotheses (2009), doi:10.1016/j.mehy.2009.08.032 The cited “diseases of civilisation” are cardiovascular disease, cancer, diabetes and suicide.

4. Objectors are emerging to the proposed Bramford-Twinstead 400kV line from Ipswich to Sudbury (news280.6). The beautiful countryside around Twinstead can be seen at <http://www.twinstead.org.uk/>, where an objectors' group is to be formed.

5. Revolt's AGM is scheduled for Thursday evening 15 October, to deal with the usual formalities and to review the position statement. Members wishing to attend should contact the secretary for final details.