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Contamination Report

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Dear Bob,

Brian Lee, a toxicologist in my Division, and I reviewed the draft, "Workers' Home Contamination Report of a Study Conducted Under the Worker's Family Protection Act 29 USC 671a". Attached are a few comments you may wish to consider.

(1) A section on radioactive agents is needed. Cases from (4e,4f) should be extracted and placed here. There seems like there should be more cases given the conditions that existed at several sites.

(1m) The section on infectious agents should be divided into subgroups since there are several types of agents.

(1m) Are there any studies involving day care workers or nursery school teachers? It seems that this is a potential source of exposure for several infectious agents.

(2a) The report seems ambivalent about considering home-based occupations and situations including repair shops, art/craft studios, photo darkrooms, etc. A few home-based situations are mentioned, but perhaps few are reported.

(2d) The DOD has experience with occupational situations and has conducted a study on the use of household cleaning agents for removal of lead dust. We will try to get you a contact for that study.

Overall, the report seems to be a good compilation, but it should also point out areas that need action or research. Laundering and decontamination are two areas where more research is needed to assess effectiveness of various cleaning methods and materials.

We hope our comments are useful and I look forward to meeting with the task force.

Sincerely,



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