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MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT: Review of *Workers' Home Contamination Report of a Study Conducted Under Worker's Family Protection Act*

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Thank you for the opportunity to review the home-contamination report. I found it rather interesting reading. I think it will prove a helpful document, and I hope public-health agencies are able to make use of it--as the report well describes, it's all too easy for workers to overlook the possibility of bringing contaminants home to their families.

I only had a couple of specific comments (see below); I hope they're helpful. I did notice a number of typos (nearly all of which would make it through a spell check), but I assume you plan to run a final edit before publication, so I did not make note of them. If you have any questions, please call me at (202) 260-9376 or email me (internet) at SERGEANT.ANNE@EPAMAIL.EPA.GOV.

page comment (S = sentence, L = line, B = bullet; count includes partial ¶s and Ss)

40 1st (partial) S - Lyme disease is caused by a spirochete.

42 last ¶ (general) - Some of my colleagues who work with rodents also worry about leptosporosis and hantavirus, but I'm not familiar enough with the diseases' etiologies to know if they can be transmitted to family members.