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January 31, 1994

Centers for Disease Control
National Institute for Occupational
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Robert A. Taft Laboratories
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Ms. Diane Manning (NIOSH Mail Stop C-15)
Cincinnati OH 45226-1998

Dear Ms. Manning:

In reference to your memo of Jan. 10, 1994 on " Worker's Family Protection Act", the following answers are give per your numbered questions.

Questions 1 & 2: This office does not have any data on home contamination from chemicals due to our jurisdiction being for the work place only. From experience, I do know that this is a common occurance from the feed back we get for the chemical workers we work with.

Question 3 & 4: In the OSHA's standards where there is performance guidelines on chemical exposure, we are trying to limit the chemical contamination to the work place by requiring showers, protective clothing, and employee training.

The state of Kansas has started a new volunteer program of investigating employees family exposure to toxic chemicals. Dr. Andrew Pelletier, St. of Ks. Dept. of Health and Environment, Acting St Epidemiologist, Bureau of Disease Control, (913-296-5586), may be contacted for more information at the address & telephone as listed above.

Question 5: If the hygiene practices are followed strictly, we know the employee's exposure level can be maintain at a safe level with no carry home residue.

Question 6: The effectiveness of normal house cleaning and laundry procedures will depend on the contaminating chemical. A organic toxin may be either neutralized or washed away, but a inorganic could be spread to other surfaces through normal cleaning methods.

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NIOSH: Laws and Regulations
January 31, 1994
Wichita Area Office

Questions 7 & 8: This agency would not have data on home contaminants
or firefighters due to our jurisdiction being in workplaces only.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Lora Goldberg".

LORA GOLDBERG
Acting Area Director