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Diane Manning NIOSH Mail Stop C-15 Robert A Taft Laboratories 4676 Columbia Parkway Cincinnati OH 45226-1998

Dear Ms. Manning:

This is in response to your letter of January 10, 1994, requesting comments, reports or data on the contamination of workers' homes.

Oregon OSHA has many regulations that help prevent contamination of workers' homes through the requirements for work practice controls and hygiene practices. The rules which may apply include: OAR 437-02, Subpart I, Personal Protective Equipment; OAR 437-02-127(3), Oregon Rules for Work Clothing; OAR 437-02-1910.100(h), Asbestos and OAR 437-03-1910.1001, Construction Asbestos; OAR 437-02- 1910.1025, Lead; OAR 437-03-1926.62, Lead in Construction; EPA Worker Protection Standard 40 CFR 170; Bloodborne Pathogens, 1910.1030; Hazardous Waste, OAR 437-02- 1910.120. We have enclose copies of these codes with the appropriate sections highlighted. These rules in part, either prohibit taking contaminated personal protective gear home or require shower and hygiene facilities for employees.

Oregon OSHA has not performed studies specifically on household contamination. You may wish to contact Margo Barnett of the Health Division regarding this type of study.

We hope this is of assistance. Please contact us if we can be of further assistance.

Sincerely,

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