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Ms. Diane Manning, Docket Officer Manager Division of Standards Development and Technology Transfer NIOSH 4676 Columbia Parkway, C-34 Cincinnati, OH 45226

Dear Ms. Manning:

Your request for information on contamination of workers' homes has reached my desk. I am coordinating the Arkansas farm safety program and have been involved in very few activities that are strictly targeted for workers--our mandate is to offer programs regardless of race, color, national origin, sex, age or disability. However, your request has been circulated here, and you may receive additional responses from others.

I am enclosing duplicate copies of educational literature that has segments addressing home contamination from hazardous chemicals and substances transported from a workplace. Our records don't include many poisonings, and they are insufficient to verify the cause or where toxic exposures occurred.

In general, I have kept up with regulations involving agricultural workplaces. The primary (and only significant federal or state) regulation in relation to your request that is being implemented upon this industry is the "Worker Protection Standard." Enforcement is scheduled to begin January 1, 1995.

If you have a specific concern, we may be able to locate a person who has been more directly involved in these issues than I have.

Sincerely,

Gary Huitink, P.E.

Extension Agricultural Engineer

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Mr. John Langston