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Commissioner

Ms. Diane Manning  
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Dear Ms. Manning,

I am responding to your January 20, 1993 letter requesting information on the topic of contamination of the home by toxics brought in from the work place. The request has been made for the purpose of implementing the Workers' Family Protection Act.

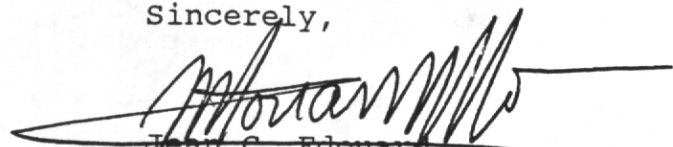
The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation employs approximately 4,500 people, about 2,500 of whom are involved in field activities posing risks of exposure to hazardous, toxic or infectious agents. The Department, as an employer, does not fall under any special statutory mandate concerning contamination of the home.

Although many of our employees may incur exposure to the above agents during normal work routines, I am not aware of any incidents in which a domicile was contaminated as the result of one of our employees inadvertently bringing such material home.

In order to protect the health and safety of these employees we follow the relevant OSHA standards and provide all necessary personal protective equipment. In many cases this equipment includes disposable outer clothing (Tyveks). There are several locations within our agency where washing and drying facilities are provided for employees to clean contaminated non-disposable clothing on the job.

I hope this information is useful to you. Please call me, if necessary, at (518) 457-7404.

Sincerely,

  
Jean C. Edouard  
Director of Occupational Health  
and Safety

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