

WORKERS' HOME CONTAMINATION STUDY

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The following is a draft of the Executive Summary outline discussed by D.Dunn, R.Mason, & K.Sykes. Feel free to suggest changes for whatever reason.

The Executive Summary should be short (2-5 pages). It should be presented in a format that makes it easy for the reader to see how we responded to the points in the Act. For example, the Workers' Family Protection Act directed NIOSH in cooperation with DOL, EPA, ATSDR, and other Federal agencies to conduct a study to evaluate the potential for.... NIOSH in cooperation with DOL, EPA, ATSDR, Dept of Ag, Nat Assoc. Poison Control Centers, etc., conducted a study to evaluate the potential for..... In each case where we indicate what we have done to respond to the directive, we should concentrate on the key & important findings and (where appropriate) cite places in the document (section or page) where additional info can be found.

Some of the key findings of the report are:

- The prevalence of take home toxins is greater than expected (tip of the iceberg)
- There is a long gestation period
- This is the first comprehensive search of the literature on this topic
- First identification of take home infectious agents
- First identification of take home radiation
- There are no relevant IAQ info
- Many more work situations contribute than expected (list them)
- Numerous contaminants (list them)
- No data available to establish prevalence, only to show it does occur

R.Mason will contact Ted Katz to arrange to meet and finalize the Executive Summary. The report is essentially done (copy to be sent to Katz).