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1. FROM A QUICK OVERVIEW, I AGREE WITH YOU THAT IT LOOKS PRETTY GOOD.
2. REGARDING MY PART, IT IS WHAT I SENT YOU. AT LEAST AT THIS POINT, I DON'T HAVE SUGGESTED CHANGES/ADDITIONS.
3. REGARDING THE PRESENTLY ABSENT INDOOR AIR ISSUE, I WOULD SUGGEST THAT YOU, AND/OR SOME OF THE ASBESTOS OR IH PEOPLE WRITE A BRIEF PAGE (AS YOU'VE

DONE FOR "EFFECTIVENESS OF HOME DECONTAM PROC") NOTING:

- A. FOR SOME EXPOSURES, LIKE LEAD AND PCB'S, AIRBORNE EXPOSURE NOT A MAJOR FACTOR.
- B. NOTE THAT VERY LITTLE DATA AVAILABLE.
- C. CITE WHAT LITTLE DATA THERE IS.
- D. NOTE THAT IN SOME CASES, AS WHEN ASBESTOS CLOTHES ARE SHAKEN BEFORE LAUNDERING, THE EXPOSURES MIGHT BE VERY INTENSE AND PHYSICALLY LOCALIZED AND BRIEF, AND THAT STANDARD IH SAMPLING MIGHT MISS THESE.

4. REGARDING THE PRESENTLY ABSENT DIFFERENTIATING METHODS ISSUE, A SIMILAR GROUP COULD PERHAPS WRITE ANOTHER SHORT BLURB, NOTING:

A. THAT ALTHOUGH OFTEN NOT SUSPECTED, ONCE SUSPECTED, OCCUPATIONAL HAZARD CAUSES OF DISEASE CAN USUALLY BE DIFFERENTIATED FROM OTHER CAUSES THROUGH STANDARD EPIDEMIOLOGIC APPROACHES. MOST OF THE TAKE HOME TOXINS ARE NOT NORMALLY FOUND IN THE HOME, MANY CAUSE RATHER DISTINCTIVE DISEASES AND/OR MAY BE SPECIFICALLY MEASURED IN BODY TISSUES, AND STUDYING VARIOUS CONTROL GROUPS CAN OFTEN RULE OUT OTHER ETIOLOGIES OR SOURCES.

B. IN SOME CASES WITH GENERAL AREA CONTAMINATION AROUND AN INDUSTRIAL PLANT, CONTROLS CAN OFTEN BE USED TO AGAIN DIFFERENTIATE THE EXPOSURE MECHANISM, ALTHOUGH IN SOME CASES FINDINGS HAVE BEEN INCONCLUSIVE, AND MULTIPLE EXPOSURE PATHWAYS MAY SOMETIMES EXIST.

C. WHEN THE DISEASE OF INTEREST IS COMMON (LIKE CANCER) AND HAS MULTIPLE OR UNKNOWN CAUSES, THEN DIFFERENTIATING OF CAUSE AND RELATIVE RISK CAN BE DIFFICULT, AND REQUIRES LARGE, CAREFULLY DONE STUDIES.

HOPE THIS HELPS.

TOM HODOUS

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Bob---unfortunately, I will be unable to come on either day. I have checked over the parts of the document I worked on and everything looks fine. The document is an impressive piece of work--I think you did a great job.