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Comments

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) distributed the NIOSH Asbestos Roadmap via our Science Policy Council Subcommittee on Asbestos.

Overall, we find the NIOSH Roadmap to be a very good and useful document.

It presents a well-developed strategic plan for solving many of our shared asbestos challenges and identifies the importance of developing a broad partnership to solve these research questions.

Certainly, there are issues that are important to EPA (e.g., residential exposure, activity-based sampling, effects from childhood exposure, and site-specific toxicity data) that do not fall under NIOSH's mission; but, on the whole, the NIOSH Asbestos Roadmap provides an excellent outline for a federal research program. The EPA looks forward to future discussions and opportunities to collaborate with NIOSH.