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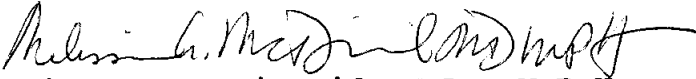
Dear Dr. Mason:

I have reviewed the draft report on Worker's Home Contamination and have three global comments as follows:

- 1) The work would benefit from a summary or conclusion of findings. This could highlight the on-going nature of the problem, types of hazards being tracked home, remedies and importantly, comments on commonalities identified in the cases, such as hygiene flaws, absence of changing facilities, wearing work cloths home and poor work practices. The relationship between adult intoxication as a "sentinel" for paraoccupational exposure could be highlighted and finally, the prevention strategies could be summarized.
- 2) Although TB was cited as not exactly covered in the legal mandate of the act, and so not fully discussed, I think it deserves some mention, either in the preface or summary. It has become a take-home toxicant. A New York prison guard with MDR-TB was recently treated at The National Jewish Medical Center in Denver. While there, he shared a room with his two year old son who developed fulminant disease from exposure to his dad.
- 3) You're welcome to use our review article in any way you see fit.

Thanks for allowing us to participate in this review. Please call me if you have any questions.

Sincerely yours,


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