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Dear Colleague,

The International Programme on Chemical Safety (IPCS) invites you to review the Draft IPCS Environmental Health Criteria Document on Principles for Evaluating Health Risks in Children Associated with Exposure to Chemicals. International peer review is a fundamental feature of the quality assurance for IPCS/WHO documents and we appreciate your review and comments.

The purpose of this document is to provide a systematic analysis of the scientific principles to be considered in assessing health risks in children from exposures to environmental agents during distinct stages of development. I was responsible for the preparation of this draft document and for its overall scientific content. An international group of experts will consider the comments received and finalize the document.

Please note that the document will be linguistically and technically edited. You need not pay attention to stylistic, grammatical, or typographical defects. However, where an expression is misleading or ambiguous, please draw our attention to it. If you refer to a published article, please provide a copy with your response.

In your reply, please identify the page number, paragraph and line number of the text on which you wish to comment. Please use the sample table format to submit your comments, and send it to us as an e-mail-attachment to damstra@niehs.nih.gov with a copy to prout@niehs.nih.gov. Please contact us if you do not receive an acknowledgement of receipt.

Completion of a WHO "Declaration of Interests" form, is a prerequisite for any comments to be considered in the further development of the draft. The signed declaration form should be sent by fax to Dr Terri Damstra at: +1 919 541 3276.

Your assistance in this work is very much appreciated. We would be most grateful to receive your input **not later than Friday, 26 May 2006**. Comments received after that date unfortunately might not be considered.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely,

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