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POST-HEARING BRIEF OF THE
NATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH
ON
THE OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH ADMINISTRATION'S
PROPOSED RULE ON
OCCUPATIONAL EXPOSURE TO CADMIUM

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Dear Sir/Madam:

On September 18, 1990, the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH) submitted post-hearing comments to the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) on occupational exposure to cadmium (docket H-057a). On October 2, 1990, OSHA asked NIOSH to provide additional information on three previously submitted items.

These items are:

- 1) For the 297,684 U.S. workers who are estimated by NIOSH to be exposed to cadmium, OSHA requested that NIOSH identify the occupations (by Standard Occupational Classification-SOC) for these exposed workers. Attachment 1 is the NIOSH summary by occupation of workers exposed to cadmium.
- 2) OSHA requested that NIOSH finalize the draft submission on the measurement of cadmium in blood and urine. This material was developed by the Center for Environmental Health and Injury Control and was submitted as a draft to OSHA in the NIOSH post-hearing comments. Attachment 2 is our final submission on measurement of cadmium in blood and urine.
- 3) Attachment 3 is the recently finalized NIOSH health hazard evaluation on exposure to cadmium at Gates Energy Products, Inc. (HETA 88-199).

Sincerely yours,

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4 Sets of 3 Attachments