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**10-YEAR PESTICIDES INITIATIVE
CREATES STANDARDS FOR FRONT-
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The National Environmental Education & Training Foundation (NEETF) has released national pesticide competency and practice skills guidelines for physicians and nurses.

The competency guidelines indicate possible “points of insertion” and recognize that curricula are highly variable in the form and substance of topics. The practice skills guidelines detail opportunities for incorporating pesticide issues into the ongoing practice of health care. Highlights of the Competency Guidelines include:

- sample curricular components as “points of insertion,” such as environmental or preventive medicine electives, and public sector medicine courses;
- defined levels for individual competencies;
- role of faculty development in advancing pesticide-related curriculum;
- “primer” on pesticide regulation, use exposures, and absorption; and
- five specific educational competencies.

Highlights of the Practice Skills Guidelines include:

- “primer” on pesticide regulation, use, exposure, and absorption;
- literature review;
- detailed ideas for incorporating pesticide issues into practice areas;
- key principles of adult education; and
- six recommended practice skill areas, including information content and a sampling of relevant resources.

National Pesticide Competency Guidelines for Medical & Nursing Education and

National Pesticide Practice Guidelines for Medical & Nursing Practice are available online at:
<http://www.neetf.org/health/providers/index.shtm>.

OSHA PARTNERSHIPS INCLUDE MEAT INDUSTRY

OSHA and the American Meat Institute, Arlington, VA, agreed to jointly promote safe working conditions for meat industry workers. The alliance sets specific goals and priorities, focusing on reducing and preventing exposure to ergonomic hazards. The alliance also calls for both organizations to provide training on ergonomics techniques, program structure, and applications in the meat industry. For additional information, contact your regional OSHA office or visit
http://www.osha.gov/pls/oshaweb/owadisp.s how_document?p_table=NEWS_RELEASE S&p_id=9769&p_text_version=FALSE

PESTICIDE SAFETY LAWS FAIL TO PROTECT FARMWORKERS

A new report entitled *Fields of Poison 2002* released by the United Farm Workers (UFW), Pesticide Action Network North America (PANNA) and California Legal Rural Assistance Foundation (CRLAF) reveals that weak enforcement of pesticide-related worker health and safety laws remains a serious problem in California. Recent evaluations by the state's pesticide regulatory agency confirmed widespread violations of pesticide work safety regulations; *Field of Poison 2002* further shows that pesticide safety laws fail to protect many of the state's 700,000 farmworkers from poisonings even when the laws are apparently followed. *Fields of Poison 2002* was released by the Californians for Pesticide Reform coalition

in news conferences throughout the state. The report updates the coalition's 1999 report *Fields of Poison* that analyzed reported California farmworker pesticide poisonings from 1991-1996. The report is available in English and Spanish. To order a copy of *Fields of Poison 2002*, call CPR at 1-888-CPR-4880 or visit
<http://www.panna.org/or>
<http://www.pesticidereform.org/>

SEEDS OF SAFETY

A series of single-sheet handouts featuring rural safety issues are available from the Children's Safety Network-National Children's Center site in Marshfield, WI. Titled "Seeds of Safety" the glossy, two-color handouts will feature all-terrain vehicles, snowmobiles, equestrian activities and drowning prevention. For more information, contact Michael Peters, M.S., Rural Youth Safety Specialist at 1-888-924-7233 or
<mailto:peters.michael@mmrf.mfldclin.edu>

MIDWEST PLAN SERVICE

We just received the Midwest Plan Services' newest catalog of materials. On page 17 they featured the Northeast Regional Agricultural Service Publications on Farm Safety, which includes:

Farm Rescue, NRAES-10	\$8.00
First on the Scene, NRAES-12	\$7.00
Extinguishing Silo Fires, NRAES-18	\$7.00
Fire Control in Livestock Building NRAES-39	\$5.00

All are excellent references. For additional information contact
<http://www.mwpshq.org/>

NEW NIOSH HEARING LOSS PREVENTION PAGE

On farms, as well as other workplaces, NIOSH recommends removing hazardous noise. After all, noise is sound without value. Check out the new NIOSH hearing loss prevention page at:

<http://www.cdc.gov/niosh/topics/noise/>

UPCOMING MEETINGS OF INTEREST

The MAFO National Farm worker Conference will be held on April 14-17, 2003 in Miami, Florida.

The National Center for Injury Prevention and Control will sponsor a conference "Safety in Numbers--Working Together from Research into Practice" on April 28 and 29, 2003 at the Hyatt Regency in Atlanta, Georgia.

FUTURE MEETINGS OF INTEREST

The 2003 American Industrial Hygiene Conference and Exposition (AIHCE) will be held in Dallas, Texas, during the week of May 10-15, 2003. A Call for Abstracts form and instructions to be used in the submission of abstracts can be found at <http://www.aiha.org/conf.html>.

AgriWellness, Inc. will sponsor "The Clock is Ticking for Rural America: A Behavioral Health and Safety Conference." The conference will be held May 29-30, 2003 at the Marriott Country Club Plaza Hotel in Kansas City, Missouri. Call for Presentations deadline is March 15, 2003. Visit <http://www.agriwellness.org/> to complete your submission online.

The National Institute for Farm Safety (NIFS) 2003 summer meeting in Windsor,

Ontario, Canada will be held June 23-26, 2003 at the Hilton Windsor. For more information visit <http://www.ag.ohio-state.edu/~agsafety/NIFS/meetings03.htm>.

The Institute of Agricultural Rural and Environmental Health, University of Saskatchewan will sponsor the Fifth International Symposium, "Future of Rural Peoples: Rural Economy, Healthy People, Environment, Rural Communities." The symposium will be held October 19-23, 2003 at the Delta Bessborough Hotel in Saskatchewan, Canada. The abstract deadline is April 2, 2003. For more information visit <http://iareh.usask.ca/>.

The 3rd National Occupational Injury Research Symposium (NOIRS 2003) will be held October 28-30, 2003 at the Sheraton Station Square in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. Abstracts deadline is April 1, 2003 and can be submitted electronically to <http://www.cdc.gov/niosh/noirmsmain.html>.

SAFETY OBSERVANCES CALENDAR

Visit <http://www.nsc.org/news/aware.htm> for contact information for each observance and a complete 2003 safety observance listing.

March 2003
Workplace Eye Safety Month
American Academy of Ophthalmology
Annmarie Harris
415-561-8525
<mailto:eyemd@aao.org>
<http://www.aao.org/>

March 2003
Save Your Vision Month
American Optometric Association
Susan Thomas
800-365-2219 x263

March 16-22, 2003
National Poison Prevention Week
US Consumer Product Safety Commission
Ken Giles
301-504-0580 x1184

March 31-April 6, 2003
National Sleep Awareness Week
National Sleep Foundation
Richard L. Gelula
202-347-3471
<mailto:nsf@sleepfoundation.org>

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