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Subject: Silica in Play Sand

CPSC Representative: Michael A. Babich, LS

Non-CPSC Participant: Amanda Vote, Chicago Tribune, 847-755-8927

Summary:

Ken Giles, EXPA and Mary Ann Danello, HS referred this reporter to me. She called about our silica in play sand project. I said that our work is very preliminary and we have no results at this time. In response to Ms. Vote's questions, I explained that we are studying products marketed as play sand, rather than all-purpose sand. I confirmed that we are measuring crystalline silica in airborne, respirable-size particles. Ms. Vote asked whether sand could be labeled if it contains respirable silica particles. I responded that, under the FHSA, children's products cannot be labeled, as are other household products. If a children's product is hazardous, it is automatically banned. I emphasized that our knowledge of the potential health effects of crystalline is based on occupational exposures, that is, long-term exposure to high levels.

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