

Dear Dr. Reponen:

I am writing to inquire if you would be willing to review a draft document for the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH). The document to which I refer is "NIOSH Alert: Preventing Occupational Exposures to Lead and Noise at Indoor Firing Ranges." You have been recommended to us as someone with relevant expertise and interest in this topic. The Alert is a 40 page document that aims to highlight the exposure issues inherent in operating indoor firing ranges and to provide recommendations for reducing hazardous exposure to lead and noise. This document is intended for occupational safety and health professionals, researchers, and users and operators of indoor firing ranges.

I am attaching the draft document, a separate pdf file with two figures for the document, and a review form for your consideration. If you are unable to review the document, just let me know that by return email. If you can review the draft Alert for us, please send your review directly to me, by email at wlotz@cdc.gov, or by regular mail at the address shown below. We would appreciate receiving your comments by April 28, 2006.

Your specific review is of particular importance to us in meeting our objectives for careful review by independent subject matter experts. To document our review, I need to get from you a summary of your professional background and expertise. This could be in the form of a biosketch, or even a CV, if that is easiest. I will also need a statement from you regarding any conflicts of interest, which can be provided on the form attached. You are welcome to send me these items by email or whatever means is most convenient for you. Thank you for your help in meeting our requirements for a rigorous external review of this important publication.

If you have any questions about this matter, or would like to discuss it further before deciding whether to review the document, please do not hesitate to contact me by phone at (513) 841-4143, or by email.

Thank you again for your help with our efforts to disseminate this important information about firing ranges. I look forward to receiving your review.

Sincerely yours,

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