Appendix H

REPRODUCTIVE TOXINS

http://www.osha.gov/SLTC/reproductivehazards

General Information

The following references provide general information that addresses the following issues:

- **What are reproductive hazards?**

  Reproductive hazards are substances or agents that may affect the reproductive health of women or men or the ability of couples to have healthy children. Hazards may be chemical, physical or biological. Examples of reproductive hazards are lead (chemical), radiation (physical) and certain viruses (biological).

- **What are the routes of exposure?**

  Workers may be exposed to reproductive hazards by breathing them in (inhalation), by contact with skin (dermal) and by swallowing them (ingestion).

- **What are the potential health effects of exposure?**

  Potential health effects include infertility, miscarriage, birth defects and developmental disorders in children.


**The Effects of Workplace Hazards on Male Reproductive Health.** US Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS), National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH) Publication No. 96-132, (1997, January 23). Identifies steps to reduce or prevent workplace exposure to reproductive hazards.