

EPA guide identifies how kids are exposed to pollution

Oct. 29 -- The U.S. EPA has released a document helping identify how children are exposed to pollution.

The document, "Highlights of the Child-Specific Exposure Factors Handbook," serves as a quick-reference guide to the more comprehensive "Child-Specific Exposure Factors Handbook," published by EPA in 2008. The agency plans for it to serve as an additional resource for those who work on children's health issues.

The EPA developed the reference guide to provide important information necessary for answering questions about exposure through drinking water, breathing, and eating foods. It contains details about topics such as how much exposure to pollutants children might receive if playing near contaminated sites and how much exposure to various pollutants children might absorb through their skin under specific conditions.

Information on the documents is available at www.epa.gov/childexpfactors/highlights.

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