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Comparative Study of Coverall Designs: Fit Testing

Hello!

Starting from this summer, we will be conducting a study on agricultural pesticide workers' coveralls. We wish to analyze the effect of routine wear on the durability and protective characteristics of the coveralls for three different coverall models made from the same fabric.

In order to study this, we are in need of agricultural pesticide workers' information firsthand. If they agree to be in this study, they will be provided with a three set of coveralls. Because we are interested in learning how well the garment performs under normal working conditions, we ask that they wear the each coverall for 2 to 4 hours over a 2 week period beginning in July, 2010.

The study participants will be asked:

- To keep a log (provided) of the times you wear the coveralls. In this log, they be asked to briefly record dates and time worn, general environmental conditions, activities and jobs done in the coveralls, if the coveralls tear what is the action/occurrence that tore them, and general comments on the fit and movement of the coveralls.
- After wearing, they will be asked to place the coveralls in a zip-lock bag (provided) and write the date and time worn on the bag. After the 2 week period, the coveralls and logs will be collected and a coverall questionnaire will be given for their final evaluations.
- We will also invite them to participate in a focus group meeting to discuss the coveralls, along with other participants in this study.

Those who choose to participate will be compensated for their time with a \$20 cash incentive.

How is it that you would like to be contacted in the future? The potential problem with electronic mail is that it can be intercepted by a third-party. We will allow you time to consider the request for volunteers and will contact you in a week.

We will be very grateful if you would allow us to present this opportunity to the agricultural pesticide workers under your supervision.

Best regards,

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