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**Tobacco-OSHA Rule on Second
Hand Smoke**

Tobacco: OSHA 2nd hand smoke reg



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Subject: Smoking in Federal Buildings

Talking points on smoking in Federal buildings:

Environmental Tobacco Smoke (ETS) is of great concern, particularly in light of recent studies, such as the Harvard School of Public Health finding that regular exposure to second hand smoke almost doubles one's risk of heart disease.

We're currently looking at whether to prohibit smoking in Federal buildings.

DOD and HHS already have prohibitions, and GSA regulations published in 1986 restrict tobacco use in about 10% of Federal domestic facilities. But most Federal agencies are not smoke free, so employees and visitors continue to be exposed to second hand smoke.

Tobacco - OSHA rule on second-hand smoke



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Subject: Q&A on Second Hand Smoke and Heart Disease Finding

NYT and WP report today on a Harvard research finding that regular exposure to second hand smoke almost doubles one's risk of heart disease. OSHA proposed regulating second hand smoke in workplaces in 1994, closed the comment period in February, 1996, and is currently reviewing comments. Below are Qs&As on the study and OSHA's rule drafted in consultation w/OSHA and HHS.

Q. What will the Administration do to respond to these findings?

A. Second hand smoke is an important area of concern, and we're disturbed by this particular finding. The Department of Health and Human Services is reviewing the finding.

Q. When will OSHA issue its rule on workplace smoking and what is taking so long?

A. OSHA is currently reviewing the 115, 000 comments it received on the proposed rule and will move the rule forward as expeditiously as possible. OSHA typically receives only several dozen to several hundred comments on its rules -- and is taking the time necessary to carefully review the very large volume of comments on the second hand smoke regulation.