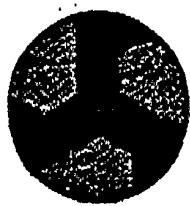


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### HEALTH GROUPS PETITION OSHA TO PROHIBIT SMOKING IN INDOOR WORKPLACES

WASHINGTON, DC, MAY 6, 1987---Two national health groups have petitioned the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) to issue an emergency temporary standard to prohibit smoking in indoor workplaces, in order to protect 52 million nonsmoking workers in the 4.8 million indoor workplaces regulated by OSHA.

The petitioners — Public Citizen Health Research Group (NRC), and the American Public Health Association (APHA) — urged OSHA to take immediate action to ban smoking in the workplace, in light of the extensive new evidence on the danger to nonsmokers from "sidestream" smoke. The petition, if adopted by OSHA, will prohibit smoking in any indoor workplace under OSHA's jurisdiction.

In a cover letter, dated May 5, to the Assistant Secretary for Occupational Safety and Health, John A. Pendergrass, signed by Dr. Sidney Wolfe of NRC and Dr. William H. McKeith, Executive Director of APHA, the petitioners noted that a previous petition to OSHA requesting such a ban on workplace smoking was denied. "New evidence regarding this issue necessitates a re-evaluation of OSHA's position," the letter stated, noting that "new information clearly documents the carcinogenicity of second-hand smoke, the exposure of workers while on the job, and the extent of the risks for lung cancer and other diseases caused by passive smoking."

The earlier petition was written before much of the research on passive smoking was completed and reviewed by the Surgeon General, experts at the National Academy of Sciences, the Environmental Protection Agency, and others, the letter said.

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