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NEW EPA RESOURCE ENCOURAGES INTEGRATED PEST MANAGEMENT FOR SAFER SCHOOL ENVIRONMENT

EPA is making available a new brochure called "Protecting Children in Schools from Pests and Pesticides" to encourage school officials to consider Integrated Pest Management (IPM) as a safe and cost-effective method of controlling pests in schools. The brochure provides resources to help schools learn more about IPM techniques and how to design an IPM program to meet their needs. The brochure includes examples of success stories from schools that have adopted IPM practices. School IPM programs employ common-sense strategies to reduce sources of food, water and shelter for pests in school buildings and grounds. IPM programs take advantage of all pest management strategies, including the judicious, careful use of pesticides when necessary. Copies of the brochure can be ordered at 1-800-490-9198 (reference document number EPA-735-F-02-014). More information on EPA's IPM in schools program is available at: http://www.epa.gov/pesticides/ipm

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