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The Office of Pesticide Programs is proud to announce the availability of several new documents providing valuable information on pesticide safety and integrated pest management

a) "**Help Yourself to a Healthy Home: Protect Your Children's Health**" This popular booklet was a "best seller" last year and contains 56 pages of helpful information for parents, grandparents and other care givers. It tells you what you need to know about environmental contaminants found in many American homes and how to protect your family from risks posed by carbon monoxide, unhealthy drinking waters, poor indoor air quality, lead poisoning, hazardous household products, pesticides, and much more. It has "Questions to Ask" that will help you learn if your home has hidden safety and health dangers, and suggests a wide range of action steps you can take to protect your children's health – and make your home a Healthy Home. This booklet is **also available in Spanish** as "Contribuya a Tener un Hogar Sano." To order, call Kathy Seikel at 703-308-8272, or email seikel.kathy@epa.gov.

b) "**Join our Pest Patrol: A Backyard Activity Book for Kids on Integrated Pest Management.**" This brand new publication is geared at elementary school children in grades 3-5. Originally developed by the Minnesota Department of Agriculture under an EPA grant, "Join our Pest Patrol" proved to be such a success with educators that we have now adapted it for nationwide use. Join our Pest Patrol contains 29 pages of fun activities that can easily be incorporated into reading, science, or even math and art classes. It provides kids - and teachers - with important information about pest identity and biology, and ecology. Even more important, it helps children understand the impact our personal choices – like whether or not to use chemicals to control pests – can have on the environment. To order, call Kathy Seikel at 703-308-8272 or email seikel.kathy@epa.gov. Bulk orders accepted.

c) Pesticide safety promotional items and pamphlets. **EPA's Consumer Labeling Initiative (CLI) offers a wealth of information and free promotional items** to raise awareness about the importance of reading pesticide products labels. Promotional items available free of charge to the public include rulers, bag clips, and jar openers. CLI has also developed a number of popular brochures including "Read the Label First! Protect your Household," "Read the Label First! Protect your Garden," "Read the Label First! Protect your Children," and "Read the Label First! Protect your Pets." **To order up to 25 sets, call 703-305-5017 or send an email request to lormand.mary-jean@epa.gov.**

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