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Farm Safety Committee Reviews Safety Standards

The 30-member National Advisory Committee on Safety in Agriculture concluded a two-day meeting recently in which they discussed proposed Occupational Safety and Health Act (OSHA) standards for Agricultural Insecticide Field Reentry Safety Intervals and Limited Field Reentry and approved OSHA proposed standards for Permanent Housing for Temporary Agricultural Labor Camps. In approving the standards for labor camp housing, the Committee urged that no standards be developed for so called tem-

porary housing in agricultural labor camps as such housing undoubtedly would be inadequate.

The Committee also heard reports by the U.S. Department Agriculture of (USDA) authorities on the applicability of American National Standards Institute (ANSI) standards to agricultural operations. Among recommendations

made by the group were:

-USDA should continue to review and advise the Committee and OSHA on agricultural safety standards.

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agricultural safety standards should be given to areas in which human life is endangered and to making the standards practical and workable.

-Safety education should be recognized as the number one priority in the prevention of farm accidents since many family members who work on farms are not covered by labor legislation.

-Agricultural safety standards should, insofar as possible, be voluntary and, in instances where they are not, they should fall within the reasonable

-Priority in developing financial capacity of farmers to meet them.

> OSHA officials present as observers assured committee members that OSHA agricultural safety standards are flexible enough so that they can be changed as new information on their application develops

> Lloyd Davis, chairman of the USDA Safety Committee, served as acting chairman of the advisory group in the absence of committee chairman J Phil Campbell, Under Secretary of Agriculture



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