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Dear Colleagues:

The following media advisory is being issued today by the EPA Region IX press office. If you have questions or need any additional information, please give me a call.

Regards,

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U.S. EPA, Partners to Hold Symposium on Children's Health Issues along U.S.-Mexico Border

Agency also releases guide for healthier school renovations

LOS ANGELES -- The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, in collaboration with the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry, Border Environment Cooperation Commission, U.S.-Mexico Border Health Commission, California Department of Public Health, and other partners, will hold a two-day symposium that will focus on children's environmental health risks that are commonly found in communities located within the California/Baja California and Arizona/Sonora regions. The Children's Environmental Health Symposium will be held on January 27th and 28th at the Crowne Plaza San Diego. U.S. EPA is also releasing a booklet called *Sensible Guide to Healthier School Renovations.* This guide provides an overview of major health hazards that schools face during renovations – and it provides best management practices to avoid exposure and protect children's health.

The symposium will feature sessions that will focus on environmental health issues in the border region, how prenatal and childhood exposures can impact children's health and development, and what participants can do to address or mitigate children's environmental health risks. Some goals for the symposium include:

- Increase knowledge of children's environmental health risks in the U.S.-Mexico border region;

- Increase the capacity of healthcare professionals, public health practitioners, environmental professionals, promotores, and the public to address or mitigate children's environmental health issues; and
- Facilitate networking and knowledge-sharing to promote collaboration across disciplines to resolve children's environmental health issues.

Who: The symposium will feature representatives from: U.S. EPA, California Department of Public Health, Arizona Department of Health Services, U.S.-Mexico Border Heath Commission, North American Commission for Environmental Cooperation, Environmental Health Coalition, Sonora Environmental Research Institute, Comite Civico del Valle, San Diego State University, and Western State Pediatric Environmental Health Specialty Unit.

What: Children's Environmental Health Symposium

When: January 27, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.,
January 28, 8:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Where: Crowne Plaza San Diego
2270 Hotel Circle North
San Diego, CA 92108

For more information on the Children's Environmental Health Symposium as well as the meeting agenda, please visit: http://www.epa.gov/border2020/childrens-environmental-health-symposium-san-diego-2016

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