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BULLETIN #16 - "Health and Medical Update"

(This report updates material contained in previous Technical Information Bulletins, most importantly, #3, #8, #10, #13, and #14. It is based on material provided by the Center for Disease Control.)

This is one of a series of surveillance reports issued by the Center for Disease Control (CDC) on the public health assessment of the volcanic eruption. Information in it represents the latest data reported to CDC from state health departments, federal agencies, and other sources. Some of the information is preliminary in nature and subject to confirmation and change.

CDC is the federal agency responsible for assisting states to evaluate public health concerns. CDC was invited to assist in this investigation by the State of Washington Department of Social and Health Services on May 21, 1980. In coordination with the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), a team from CDC and the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health has been in the State of Washington since then.

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SURVEILLANCE OF HOSPITAL EMERGENCY ROOM VISITS

A number of hospitals in the states of Washington, Idaho, and Montana are included in the health surveillance network for the Mount St. Helens disaster. (See Technical Information Network Bulletin #10.)

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