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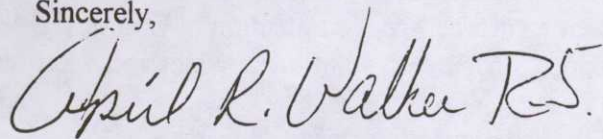
January 27, 1998

Wayne Jones
229 N Country Club Drive
Kenansville, NC 28349

Dear Mr. Jones,

This letter is in response to concerns in local daycares about proper cleaning of diapering surfaces. Rules Governing the Sanitation of Child Day Care Facilities 15A NCAC 18A .2819 (c) requires diapering surfaces to be cleaned with a mild solution of water and detergent and sanitized after each changing. Since rule .2819 (j) allows single-use, pre-moistened towelettes (baby wipes) to be used to wash infant's hands, can they be used to clean diapering surfaces? If this is not acceptable, we would like some suggestions on other possible solutions.

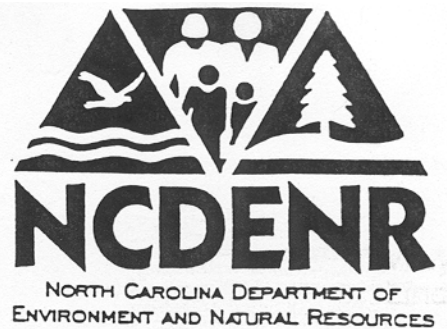
Sincerely,



April R. Walker, R.S.

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and Natural Resources
Division of Environmental Health

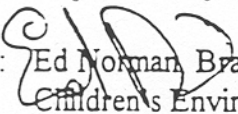
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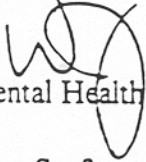


April 17, 1998

MEMORANDUM

TO: April Walker, R.S.
Duplin County Health Department

THROUGH:  Ed Norman, Branch Head
Children's Environmental Health Branch

FROM: Wayne Jones, R.S. 
Regional Environmental Health Specialist

SUBJECT: Cleaning of Diapering Surfaces Prior To Sanitizing

This response is in regards to your January 27, 1998 letter questioning the use of pre-moistened towelettes to clean diaper changing surfaces prior to sanitizing. 15A NCAC 18A .2819 (g) and (j) of the Rules Governing The Sanitation Of Child Day Care Facilities allow pre-moistened towelettes to be used to clean children during the diapering process and to clean the hands of infants after diapering. The rules do not allow the use of pre-moistened towelettes for cleaning of the diapering surface. As you mention in your letter, section .2819 (c) requires diapering surfaces to be cleaned with a mild solution of water and detergent before sanitizing.

The Children's Environmental Health Branch policy is to allow the detergent water solution to be stored with the sanitizing solution in the diaper changing area. Proposed rule changes will reflect this policy in section .2820 (c).

Please contact me at (910) 296-2046 with any questions or concerns you have regarding this matter.