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Response to reviewer comments:

1. The connection between intentions and behavior was addressed in the limitations section at the end of the Discussion.
2. I have reviewed the articles on social desirability bias suggested by the author. In all cases, the behaviors mentioned in these articles are those for which much research has been done and reports of behaviors have been shown to be influenced by social desirability. These articles all address personal health behaviors such as physical activity, diet and prevention of HIV transmission, which are all much more likely to be affected by such bias than business owners’ intentions to report health and safety activities. I am not convinced by this authors' anecdotal experience that business owners' reports of behavioral intentions are strongly influenced by social desirability. There was no mention of regulations, OSHA or any other government agency in this survey. I did not add any discussion about this in the limitations section.

Response to editor:

Thank you for catching these items - in particular, the misspelling of my last name!

I made an effort to fix all of the comments, review the authors’ instructions and re-visit the manuscript template available on the Environmental Health website. I might note that this template is not up-to-date, because it indicates that information about author roles should be shown on the title page. You may also wish to update the title page with a longer title to illustrate that it should be double-spaced.

I would also like to suggest that you provide a full sample article via pdf. When I looked at some of the articles available on-line, I found a number of inconsistencies in the formatting and layout.