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[Name redacted]

Dear [Name redacted]:

Thank you for your email of March 22, 2012, that asked the Advisory Board on Radiation and Worker Health to help certain nuclear test workers. As your letter points out, Congress has created several programs, administered by different agencies, that provide compensation and other benefits for individuals who were involved in the production and testing of nuclear weapons, and their survivors. The eligibility requirements differ among programs, and as your letter suggests, certain workers who were involved in nuclear weapons work, such as Department of Defense employees and contractors who worked at the Nevada Test site after above-ground testing ended, may not be covered.

The Advisory Board on Radiation and Worker Health was established by the Energy Employees Occupational Illness Compensation Program Act of 2000 and Executive Order 13179. This Board, whose members are appointed by the President, is charged with advising the Secretary of Health and Human Services on certain matters enumerated in Executive Order 13179. None of the responsibilities assigned to this Board authorize actions that would help address the concerns raised in your letter. In addition, Board members carry out their responsibilities as special government employees of the Executive branch, and are thus prohibited from lobbying Congress. More information on the role of this Board can be found at: <http://www.cdc.gov/niosh/ocas/ocasadv.html>.

We appreciate the work that you and your father did on behalf of our Nation, and regret that we cannot be of more assistance.

Sincerely,

[Signature on File]

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