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Dear Ms. Bonsignore:

This letter is in response to your letter of November 3, 2009, on behalf of the Alliance of Nuclear Worker Advocacy Groups (ANWAG) regarding issues related to the Advisory Board on Radiation and Worker Health (ABRWH).

Some of the issues raised in your letter were addressed during your recent meeting with Dr. Howard and Dr. Ziemer. I will try to bring you up to date based on discussions that occurred at the recent Board meeting.

During our February meeting, the Board discussed the issue of surrogate data. The Surrogate Data Work Group presented an updated draft of guidelines on the use of surrogate data. Based on further comments received at the Board meeting, the Work Group will revise the guidelines it presented. We plan to finalize these guidelines at the next full Board meeting in May.

The issue of the confidentiality of the documents and correspondence provided to the Board's technical contractor was not discussed at the February Board meeting. However, the Board is aware of this issue and will keep ANWAG informed.

Thank you for your continued interest in the Energy Employees Occupational Illness Compensation Program Act and the activities of this Board.

Sincerely,

[Signature on file]

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