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October 20, 2016

The Honorable Sylvia M. Burwell  
Secretary  
Department of Health and Human Services  
200 Independence Avenue, S.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20201

Dear Madam Secretary:

The Advisory Board on Radiation and Worker Health (The Board) has completed its evaluation of Special Exposure Cohort (SEC) Petition 00230 concerning workers at Bliss & Laughlin Steel in Buffalo, New York, under the statutory requirements established by the Energy Employees Occupational Illness Compensation Program Act of 2000 and incorporated into 42 C.F.R. § 83.13.

The National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH) has recommended that individual dose reconstructions are feasible for:

All Atomic Weapons Employees who worked in any area at the Bliss & Laughlin Steel site in Buffalo, New York, during the period from January 1, 1999, through December 31, 1999.

NIOSH found that it has access to adequate exposure monitoring and other information necessary to do individual dose reconstructions with sufficient accuracy for members of this group, and therefore a class covering this group should not be added to the SEC. The Board concurs with this determination.

Based on these considerations and the discussions during the August 9 and 10, 2016, Board meeting held in Idaho Falls, Idaho, and the Board teleconference on October 4, 2016, the Board recommends that this class not be added to the SEC.

Enclosed is the documentation from the Board meeting(s) where this SEC class was discussed. The documentation includes copies of the petition, the NIOSH review thereof, and related materials. If any of these items are unavailable at this time, they will follow shortly.

Sincerely,

[Signature on File]

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Enclosure