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The Honorable Kathleen Sebelius
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 evaluated Special Exposure Cohort (SEC) Petition 00090 concerning workers at the Mound Plant in Miamisburg, Ohio, under the statutory requirements established by the Energy Employees Occupational Illness Compensation Program Act of 2000 and incorporated into 42 CFR Sec. 83.13.

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

“All employees of the Department of Energy, Department of Energy contractors, or subcontractors who worked in any area at the Mound Plant in Miamisburg, Ohio, during the period from March 1, 1959, through December 31, 2007, except for workers who fall within the SEC class established by SEC petition 00171 and, if added to the SEC, the SEC class established by SEC petition 00207.”

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 discussion at the September 18 to 20, 2012, Board meeting held in Denver, Colorado, 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