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

Dear Mr. Secretary:

The Advisory Board on Radiation and Worker Health (the Board) has evaluated Special Exposure Cohort (SEC) Petition 00253 concerning workers at the International Nickel Company (INCO), Reduction Pilot Plant (RPP) in Huntington, West Virginia, 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 International Nickel Company (INCO) security personnel who worked at any location within the Reduction Pilot Plant (RPP) during the period from June 7, 1976, through November 26, 1978.”

NIOSH found that it has access to sufficient exposure monitoring and other information necessary to estimate with sufficient accuracy the radiation dose received by 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 April 27-28, 2022, Board meeting held by conference call, the Board agrees with the NIOSH recommendation that this class not be added to the SEC.

Sincerely,

[Signature on File]

Henry Anderson, MD, Chair
Advisory Board on Radiation and Worker Health

Enclosure