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The Honorable Michael O. Leavitt Secretary of Health and Human Services Department of Health and Human Services 200 Independence Avenue, S.W. Washington, DC 20201

Dear Mr. Secretary:

The Advisory Board on Radiation and Worker Health (The Board) has evaluated SEC Petition-00039 concerning all statisticians who performed statistical analysis of biological experiments (working within the Oak Ridge National Laboratory Biological Sciences Division) in all locations at the Y-12 Plant in Oak Ridge, Tennessee, who were employed by DOE or its contractors between January 1, 1958 and June 30, 1958. NIOSH has recommended that these workers not be added to the special exposure cohort. NIOSH has access to adequate exposure monitoring and other information necessary to do individual dose reconstructions with sufficient accuracy for members of this group. The Board concurs with this determination.

Enclosed is supporting documentation from the recent Advisory Board Meeting held in Naperville, Illinois where this potential class for the special exposure cohort was discussed. If any of these items are unavailable at this time, they will follow shortly.

Sincerely,

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