

## A Tribute to Phil Schofield

On the occasion of Mr. Phillip Schofield's long service on the Advisory Board of Radiation and Worker Health ("Board"), the staff of the Division of Compensation Analysis and Support (DCAS) of the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH), and John Howard, M.D., the Director of NIOSH, are all honored to pay tribute to Mr. Phillip Schofield for his long and distinguished service to the Board.

Mr. Schofield was appointed to the Board by President George W. Bush in 2007. Prior to serving on the Board, Phil worked for Los Alamos National Laboratory for twenty-one years. His extensive understanding and experience in handling and processing of the radionuclides, Plutonium and Americium, greatly aided the Board's work over his years. In his last five years at Los Alamos National Laboratory, Phil served as an Operations Center Specialist, running, and monitoring all systems at the (TA-55) plutonium facility. He also worked as a volunteer with the Los Alamos Project on Worker Safety. Throughout the Department of Energy's (DOE) cold war history, few in any of the many DOE nuclear weapons complexes have faced, and understood the safety implications of, so many unique, exceptionally hazardous, radiation risks as he has.

As a Board member, Phil always asked the questions that his fellow workers would have asked if they had a seat on the Board. Phil represented all atomic energy workers graciously and respectfully—he was dogged in his determination to pursue every avenue of radiation exposure for each claimant.

For over a decade, the Board has benefitted from Phil's dedication, professionalism, and collegial manner. The members of the Board gratefully thank Phil Schofield for his valuable service to the Board and to his fellow atomic weapons patriots. He has served the Board and the United States of America in an exemplary manner!

This tribute is hereby adopted this 20<sup>th</sup> day of October 2022, at the 148<sup>th</sup> teleconference meeting of the Advisory Board on Radiation and Worker Health.