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Dear Mr. Turcic:

On behalf of the Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), and as required by 42 C.F.R. § 83.17(d), I am notifying you of the final effect of the HHS decision to designate a class of employees at the Hanford Nuclear Reservation in Richland, Washington, as an addition to the Special Exposure Cohort (SEC) under the Energy Employees Occupational Illness Compensation Program Act of 2000. On May 30, 2008, as provided for under 42 U.S.C. § 7384q(b), the Secretary of HHS designated the following class of employees as an addition to the SEC:

All employees of the Department of Energy (DOE), its predecessor agencies, and DOE contractors or subcontractors who worked from:

1. September 1, 1946 through December 31, 1961 in the 300 area; or
2. January 1, 1949 through December 31, 1968 in the 200 areas (East and West)

at the Hanford Nuclear Reservation in Richland, Washington, for a number of work days aggregating at least 250 work days occurring either solely under this employment or in combination with work days within the parameters established for one or more other classes of employees in the Special Exposure Cohort.

This designation became effective on June 29, 2008, as provided for under 42 U.S.C. § 7384l(14)(C). Hence, beginning on June 29, 2008, members of this class of employees, defined as reported in this notice, became members of the SEC.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "L. Elliott". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "L" and a distinct "E".

Larry J. Elliott  
Director  
Office of Compensation Analysis and Support  
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