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Ms. Rachel Leiton, Director
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U.S. Department of Labor
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Washington, District of Columbia 20210

Subject: Addition of a class of employees from the Linde Ceramics Plant to the Special Exposure Cohort

Dear Ms. Leiton:

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 from the Linde Ceramics Plant in Tonawanda, NY, as an addition to the Special Exposure Cohort (SEC) under the Energy Employees Occupational Illness Compensation Program Act of 2000. On February 2, 2012, 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 Atomic Weapons Employees who worked in any area at the Linde Ceramics Plant in Tonawanda, New York, from November 1, 1947, through December 31, 1953, 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 included in the SEC.

This designation became effective on March 3, 2012, as provided for under 42 U.S.C. § 7384l(14)(C). Hence, beginning on March 3, 2012, members of this class of employees, defined as reported in this notice, became members of the SEC.

Sincerely,

[Signature on file]

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