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Re: Handling of Mallinckrodt Cases for New SEC Class for 1949-1957

Dear Mr. Turcic:

The Office of Compensation Analysis and Support (OCAS) concurs with the analysis provided in your December 7, 2005, letter on this subject, and is proceeding accordingly. On December 14, 2005, OCAS provided to the Division of Energy Employees Occupational Illness Compensation (DEEOIC) staff two lists of employees for the Destrehan Street facility of Mallinckrodt Chemical Works for the Special Exposure Cohort (SEC) class period. One was a list of employees with specified cancers, and the other was a list of employees with non-specified cancers. All the files for cases with specified cancers have been recorded onto CDs and returned to the Department of Labor Denver District Office.

In addition, OCAS is modifying the Mallinckrodt Site Profile to reflect what radiation doses can be reconstructed at the facility. OCAS will then reconstruct external exposures, to include occupational medical exposures, for employees with non-specified cancers. Certain dose reconstructions will incorporate badge geometry adjustments as described in OCAS TIB-0013, "Special External Dose Reconstruction Considerations for Mallinckrodt Workers." Co-worker data sets will be used to reconstruct external doses to unmonitored workers.

If any questions arise about cases on either list, I am confident our staffs will communicate in their normal fashion to resolve them so that each case is completed appropriately.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "L. Elliott".

Larry J. Elliott, MSPH, CIH
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