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The Honorable Richard Durbin
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Dear Senator Durbin:

This is in response to your letter of December 3, 2009, to the Advisory Board on Radiation and Worker Health (the Board) regarding the former employees at General Steel Industries in Granite City, Illinois.

The Board is currently reviewing the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH) Evaluation Report for General Steel Industries (GSI) in response to the petition received under the Energy Employees Occupational Illness Compensation Program Act (EEOICPA) to add a class of GSI employees to the Special Exposure Cohort (SEC) for the years covering 1951 to 1973. The Board's contractor, Sanford Cohen and Associates (SC&A), and the GSI Work Group are also reviewing additional new information about the site. Although we are not sure when our review will be complete, we expect that it will be ready for discussion at one of our upcoming Board meetings.

Thank you for your continued interest in the EEOICPA and the activities of this Board.

Sincerely,

[Signature on file]

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