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The Honorable Kathleen Sebelius
Secretary
Department of Health and Human Services
200 Independence Avenue, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20201

Dear Madam Secretary:

The Advisory Board on Radiation and Worker Health (The Board) has evaluated Special Exposure Cohort (SEC) Petition 00173 concerning workers at the Norton Company in Worcester, Massachusetts, under the statutory requirements established by the Energy Employees Occupational Illness Compensation Program Act of 2000 (EEOICPA) and incorporated into 42 CFR Sec. 83.13. The National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH) has recommended that individual dose reconstructions are feasible for all Atomic Weapons Employees who worked in any building or area at the facility owned by Norton Co. (or a subsequent owner) in Worcester, Massachusetts, from October 11, 1962 through October 31, 2009.

NIOSH found that it has access to adequate exposure monitoring and other information necessary to do individual dose reconstructions with sufficient accuracy for members of this group, and therefore a class covering this group should not be added to the SEC. The Board concurs with this determination.

Enclosed is supporting documentation from the August 23-25, 2011, Board meeting held in Richland, Washington, and earlier meetings where this potential class for the SEC was discussed. If any of these items are unavailable at this time, they will follow shortly.

Sincerely,

[Signature on file]

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Enclosure

