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Dear Dr. Ziemer:

Thank you for your letter on behalf of the Advisory Board on Radiation and Worker Health (the Board) regarding a report on the Board's independent review of radiation dose reconstructions completed by the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH) as required by the Energy Employees Occupational Illness Compensation Program Act of 2000.

I appreciate receiving the Board's summary report and conclusions based on an audit of 20 dose reconstruction reports. I have forwarded the Board's report to NIOSH for review and consideration as they continue to improve this program.

Again, I appreciate the Board's diligent efforts, commitment, and thoughtful advice. Please let me know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Michael O. Leavitt". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letters of the first and last names being capitalized and prominent.

Michael O. Leavitt