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Petitioner Name

Dear XXX:

NIOSH released its evaluation report for your Special Exposure Cohort (SEC) petition. I have enclosed the report in this letter. We also sent the report to the Advisory Board on Radiation and Worker Health (the Advisory Board). The Advisory Board makes recommendations whether the class of workers should become members of SEC. In the report, we proposed the following worker class be added to the SEC:

“All Atomic Weapons Employees who worked in all buildings owned by the Ventron Corporation in Beverly, Massachusetts, from November 1, 1942 through December 31, 1948, 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 classes of employees included in the Special Exposure Cohort.”

The above proposed worker class is based on the following:

- We could not locate information that all employees were routinely monitored for internal exposure to radioactive materials.
- Adequate data records do not exist to demonstrate that enough employees were monitored.
- We could not locate any monitoring records for potential external exposure.
- NIOSH determined that based on the information available and the lack of sufficient monitoring data, we cannot adequately reconstruct or estimate employees' individual dose for those members of this proposed worker class.

Additionally, the start date of this class begins on November 1, 1942, because NIOSH found records that show that the Manhattan Engineer District took over weapons-related metal production at the site on that date.

Now that we submitted the report to the Advisory Board, the Board will:

1. Discuss your petition and our report on August 15, 2012, during its meeting.

2. Make a recommendation whether to add the class of employees from your petition to the SEC.
3. After the Advisory Board makes a recommendation, it will send the recommendation to the Secretary of Health and Human Services.

The Secretary will then review the NIOSH evaluation report and the Advisory Board's recommendation to make a final decision on whether to add the class of employees in your petition to the SEC. If the Secretary's decision is to add a class, the Secretary will report this decision to Congress. Congress has 30 days to take action on the Secretary's decision. If no action is taken by the end of the 30 days, the Secretary's decision becomes final.

The August 15, 2012, Advisory Board meeting is a teleconference meeting. It will begin at 11:00 a.m. (Eastern Time). This meeting is open to the public. You will have an opportunity comment about this report during the meeting. You can also address the Advisory Board in writing, if you wish. You do not have to participate and may choose to only listen to the meeting. The final agenda for this meeting is not available at this time. When it is available to us, we will send the agenda for this meeting with the call-in number and pass code, should you choose to listen or participate.

If you have any questions about the report or how to address the Advisory Board regarding your petition, please feel free to contact the NIOSH SEC petition counselor, Josh Kinman. During this process, Mr. Kinman can be contacted directly at 513-533-6831 or toll-free at 1-877-222-7570. You can also contact Mr. Kinman by email at dcas@cdc.gov. Additional information about DCAS and the SEC process can be found on the DCAS Web site (<http://www.cdc.gov/niosh.ocas>).

Sincerely,

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Enclosure: SEC00XXX Evaluation Report