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Ms. Rachel Leiton
Division of Energy Employees Occupational Illness Compensation
U.S. Department of Labor
Room C-4511
200 Constitution Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20210

Dear Ms. Leiton:

On behalf of the Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), and as required by 42 C.F.R. § 83.17(c), I am notifying you of the final effect of the HHS decision to designate a class of employees at Area IV of the Santa Susana Field Laboratory, as an addition to the Special Exposure Cohort (SEC) under the Energy Employees Occupational Illness Compensation Program Act of 2000. On June 18, 2009, as provided for under 42 U.S.C. § 7384q(b), the Secretary of HHS designated the following class of employees as an addition to the SEC:

All employees of the Department of Energy (DOE), its predecessor agencies, and DOE contractors and subcontractors who worked in any area of Area IV of the Santa Susana Field Laboratory for a number of work days aggregating at least 250 work days from January 1, 1955 through December 31, 1958, or in combination with work days within the parameters established for one or more other classes of employees in the SEC.

This designation became effective July 18, 2009, as provided for under 42 U.S.C. § 7384*l*(14)(C). Hence, beginning July 18, 2009, members of this class of employees, defined as reported in this notice, became members of the SEC.

Sincerely,

[Signature on file]

Larry J. Elliott, Director Office of Compensation Analysis and Support National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health