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

On February 20, 2007, we received a draft Bethlehem Steel SEC Petition Evaluation Report (Petition SEC-00056) for review and comment. NIOSH determined that radiation doses can be estimated with sufficient accuracy using available monitoring data, surrogate monitoring data, and source term information. Your evaluation determined that it is feasible to estimate radiation dose for members of the proposed class with sufficient accuracy based on the sum of information available from available resources.

My staff has reviewed the draft document and we have no comments. I thank you for giving us the opportunity to review this document and look forward to having a similar opportunity as more SEC classes are proposed.

If you have any questions in regard to this matter, please feel free to contact me at (202)693-0081.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Peter M. Turcic".

Peter M. Turcic
Director, Division of Energy Employees
Occupational Illness Compensation