It is encouraging that the HHS is coming up with a final rule to determine
dose levels and causation of nuclear workers' illnesses. I would encourage
you to move forward VERY quickly with your methodology so that sick and
dying workers can be compensated immediately. Actually, it's an outrage
that they still have not been compensated, since many of them have been
suffering 40 or 50 years. How long is this supposed to take? When are they
going to get their money? Maybe this dose reconstruction will settle once
and for all the fact that exposure to radiation and toxins at nuclear power
plants is what has caused the workers' illnesses. My gut feeling is that
these studies are just another way to stall them and let more of them die so
you won't have to spend so much money caring for them. It is no secret that
working in a nuclear plant is bad for your health and that the nuclear
industry has covered up crime after crime after crime, from releasing
nuclear material into the atmosphere to sickenning and killing its workers.
How many more people will have to die an agonizing death, penniless from
trying to pay for their own enormous hospital bills when they should have
been covered by workers' comp years and years ago? Maybe it will take an
act of Congress, as it did with the victims of Agent Orange.

I have little to no faith in the HHS to make good with its promise of
compensation, since it would be an admission that we cannot operate these
insanely dangerous power plants without making workers sick. I would like
to see you prove me wrong, though.