April 30, 2008

The Honorable Michael O. Leavitt
Secretary of Health and Human Services
Department of Health and Human Services
200 Independence Avenue, S.W.
Washington, DC 20201

Dear Mr. Secretary:

The Advisory Board on Radiation and Worker Health (The Board) has evaluated SEC Petition-00059 concerning all X-ray technologists and materials scientists who worked at Sandia National Laboratory – Livermore in the X-ray Diffraction and Fluorescence Laboratory, Building 913 – Room 113, and Building 913 – Room 128 from December 1, 1967 through December 31, 1990. NIOSH has recommended that these workers not be added to the special exposure cohort. NIOSH has access to adequate exposure monitoring and other information necessary to do individual dose reconstructions with sufficient accuracy for members of this group. The Board concurs with this determination.

Enclosed is supporting documentation from the recent Advisory Board Meeting held in Tampa, Florida where this potential class for the special exposure cohort was discussed. If any of these items are unavailable at this time, they will follow shortly.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

Paul L. Ziemer, Ph.D.
Chair

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