Dear Dr. Ziemer,

I'm writing this letter in response to the recent TBD-6000 Work Group meeting concerning General Steel Industries. I want to express to you DR. Ziemer, as well as Wanda Munn that I was very surprised that both of you came to the conclusion that a bounding dose could be reconstructed for GSI employees from the years 1953-1963. I also want to praise Josie Beach for her response to favor a SEC recommendation for those particular years. I share the same views as her when it comes to those years that no data exist. Yes, NIOSH has a picture of a GSI employee in the early years wearing a film badge, and yes, they do have testimony from a previous employee that worked at GSI during weekends only. My question is simply (where is the data for those years)? On November 2, 2011, I also listened to worker testimony that explained that areas were roped off one and one half times the recommended distance, which tells me that GSI did have some type of safety program in existence, but once again (where is the film badge data from those years)? You have no idea what went on at the GSI plant from 1953-1963 and never will without data.

Since you Dr. Ziemer and Wanda Munn elected to move forward with the reconstruction process for the early years, I was wondering if you could give me a time frame as to when a new corrected dose reconstruction will be produced for my grandfather? Six years have passed since my fathers filing date and I feel thats the least you could do for me and my father. It seems NIOSH keeps prolonging the process and you continue to let them. I realize that all sources need to be modeled to rework flawed dose reconstructions, but there must be a time limit set by the TBD-6000 Work Group. Are you going to set a time limit at your next meeting in December 2011?

As you know Dr. Ziemer, many human lives have been severely jeopardized at General Steel Industries for many years, but yet it appears this acknowledgment doesn't seem to exist strongly in your beliefs. Please don't allow your scientific expertise to get in the way of reality. I realize that every member of the TBD-6000 Work Group as well as members of NIOSH are very intelligent individuals, but humans and science combined cannot produce accurate answers without data. You must have data to have accurate conclusion and it simply isn't there for the early years at GSI. Please explain to me how accurate answers can be determined without data. I would love to know the answer for future reference. Thankyou!

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