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The Honorable Eric D. Hargan
Acting Secretary
Department of Health and Human Services
200 Independence Avenue, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20201

Dear Acting Secretary Hargan:

The Advisory Board on Radiation and Worker Health (The Board) has completed its evaluation of Special Exposure Cohort (SEC) Petition 00046 concerning workers at the Feed Materials Production Center at Fernald, Ohio, under the statutory requirements established by the Energy Employees Occupational Illness Compensation Program Act of 2000 and incorporated into 42 C.F.R. § 83.13.

The National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH) has recommended that individual dose reconstructions are feasible for the following two groups of workers:

“(1) All employees of the Department of Energy (DOE), its predecessor agencies, and their contractors and subcontractors who worked in any area of the Feed Materials Production Center at Fernald Ohio, from January 1, 1984, through December 31, 1989; and (2) all employees of the DOE, its predecessor agencies, National Lead of Ohio, or NLO, Inc., in any area of the Feed Materials Production Center from January 1, 1979, through December 31, 1983.”

NIOSH found that it has access to adequate exposure monitoring and other information necessary to do individual dose reconstructions with sufficient accuracy for members of these two groups of workers, and therefore a class covering these groups should not be added to the SEC. The Board concurs with this determination.

Based on these considerations and the discussion at the August 23 and 24, 2017, Board meeting held in Santa Fe, New Mexico, the Board recommends that this class not be added to the SEC.

Enclosed is the documentation from the Board meeting(s) where this SEC class was discussed. The documentation includes copies of the petition, the NIOSH review thereof, and related materials. If any of these items are unavailable at this time, they will follow shortly.

Sincerely,

[Signature on File]

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Enclosure