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Dear Mr. Turcic:

On behalf of the Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), and as required by 42 C.F.R. pt. 83.17(c), I am notifying you of the final effect of the HHS decision to designate a class of employees at the Iowa Army Ammunition Plant, in Burlington, Iowa as an addition to the Special Exposure Cohort (SEC) under the Energy Employees Occupational Illness Compensation Program Act of 2000. On August 25, 2005, as provided for under 42 U.S.C. § 7384q(b), the Secretary of HHS designated the following class of employees as an addition to the SEC:

Department of Energy (DOE) employees or DOE contractor or subcontractor employees who worked as radiographers from May 1948 to March 1949 in support of Line 1 operations at the Iowa Army Ammunition Plant and who were employed for a number of work days aggregating at least 250 work days, occurring under this employment in combination with work days of employment occurring within the parameters (excluding aggregate work day requirements) established for other classes of employees included in the SEC.

This designation became effective on September 24, 2005, as provided for under 42 U.S.C. § 7384l(14)(C). Hence, beginning on September 24, 2005, members of this class of employees, defined as reported in this notice, became members of the Special Exposure Cohort.

Pursuant to 42 C.F.R. pt. 83.16(b), the petitioners may contest the health endangerment determination by submitting a challenge in writing within 30 days of receiving notice of the HHS designation.

Sincerely,

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Director
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