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Subject: SEC00028

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 Y-12 Plant, in Oak Ridge, Tennessee, as an addition to the Special Exposure Cohort (SEC) under the Energy Employees Occupational Illness Compensation Program Act of 2000. On September 7, 2006, 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 were monitored or should have been monitored for:
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> (1) thorium exposures while working in Building 9201-3, 9202, 9204-1, 9204-3, 9206, or 9212 at Y-12 for a number of work days aggregating at least 250 work days from January 1948 through December 1957 or in combination with work days within the parameters (excluding aggregate work day requirements) established for one or more classes of employees in the SEC; or
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> (2) radionuclide exposures associated with cyclotron operations in Building 9201-2 at Y-12 for a number of work days aggregating at least 250 work days from January 1948 through December 1957 or in combination with work days within the parameters (excluding aggregate work day requirements) established for one or more classes of employees in the SEC.

This designation became effective on September 7, 2006, as provided for under 42 U.S.C. 7384*l*(14)(C). Hence, beginning on September 7, 2006, members of this class of employees, defined as reported in this notice, became members of the SEC.

Sincerely,

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