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Dear Mr. Turcic:

This letter is provided for clarification in regard to my letter to you dated June 21, 2005, concerning the designation of a class of employees at the Iowa Army Ammunition Plant (IAAP) as an addition to the Special Exposure Cohort (SEC) under the Energy Employees Occupational Illness Compensation Program Act of 2000.

As you know, on May 20, 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:

Employees of the Department of Energy (DOE) or DOE contractors or subcontractors employed by the Iowa Army Ammunition Plant, Line 1, during the period from March 1949 through 1974 and who were employed for a number of work days aggregating at least 250 work days either solely under this employment or in combination with work days within the parameters (excluding aggregate work day requirements) established for other classes of employees included in the SEC.

This designation became effective on June 19, 2005, and hence members of this class of employees became members of the SEC. We want to be completely clear that this class, as defined, includes all workers engaged in Atomic Energy Commission (AEC) activities at the IAAP for the years 1949 through 1974 on Line 1 and associated areas. The designation of "Line 1" in this class definition should be considered inclusive of all workers and activities involved in AEC operations at IAAP and not limiting or excluding workers, activities, or site locations that may have been involved in those operations. The supporting documentation to the HHS Secretary's Designation provides that Line 1 includes all AEC operational areas.

Sincerely,

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