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Dear Dr. Markowitz:

The Alliance of Nuclear Worker Advocacy Groups (ANWAG) has written to the ABTSWH Board in the past on matters of importance to Advocates and Claimants. Most recently policies and practices related to the management and utilization of the Site Exposure Matrix have garnered much attention.

Today, we write with concerns related to the Industrial Hygiene process which we believe should be revisited with an eye toward correction, improvement, and common understandings. We focus on the following: 1) Use of site monitoring evidence language in IH reports which creates incomplete or false impressions to the reader/claimant, 2) program communication processes and understanding of respective roles and responsibilities between Claims Examiners and IH staff, and 3) commonly understood rules of evidence from a program and legal standpoint.

We raise these issues, ask questions, and certainly do not have the answers. Please see attached correspondence with discussion on three primary topics. I believe Faye will speak during the Public Comment session on this letter and related matters.

Thank you and Board Members in advance for your time and consideration of these issues.

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