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Dear Dr. McClain and Mr. Slay:

SUBJECT: Citizens Advisory Board's Seventh Recommendation - Study of Biological Effects of Tritium on Deoxyribonucleic Acid (DNA) in Savannah River Site (SRS) Workers

Thank you for your July 31, 1995, letter recommending a study of the biological effects of tritium on the DNA of SRS Workers.

We understand that the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health has advised you directly that in the view of their scientific advisory panel, a decision on extending the study should be deferred until the leukemia study is completed. We are prepared to provide support, as requested in your letter, if further work is appropriate.

Please extend my appreciation to Board members for its seventh recommendation.

Sincerely,

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