

Advisory Board on Toxic Substances and Worker Health

May 19, 2016

Mr. R. Alexander Acosta
Secretary of Labor
Department of labor
200 Constitution Ave.
Washington, DC NW 20210

Honorable Secretary Acosta:

On behalf of the Department of Labor Advisory Board on Toxic Substances and Worker Health, I submit the attached recommendations and accompanying rationales that we adopted at our April 18-20, 2017 meeting in Richland, WA. These recommendations fall within the scope of the chartered mission of the Advisory Board and represent our ongoing attempts to address multiple aspects of the current Energy Employees Occupational Illness Compensation Program.

Mr. Steinberg, Ms. Leiton and the rest of the leadership and staff of the Office of Workers Compensation Program and the Division of Energy Employees Occupational Illness Compensation continue to be very receptive to our work. We are also pleased to see that our Board meetings are well-attended by the public, who very usefully express their views during our public comments sessions and through submission of written comments.

We are making excellent progress, I believe, and realize that there is much work still to do to assist the Department in assessing and, when needed, helping to improve this invaluable program. We hope that our advice is useful and look forward to working with you in the future.

Sincerely,



Steven Markowitz MD, DrPH
Chair

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