

Advisory Board on Toxic Substances and Worker Health

July 19, 2017

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, accompanying rationales, and responses to questions posed to us by the Department that we adopted at our June 19, 2017 Board meeting. 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.

We are pleased by the support and cooperation of 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.

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, recommending improvement in 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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