Advisory Board on Toxic Substances and Worker Health

February 16, 2018

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 revised Advisory Board recommendations and comments in relation to the Department's responses to the recommendations that the Advisory Board made at our October 2016 and April 2017 meetings. We also provide a list of issues that may help guide the next Board. These recommendations and comments are within the scope of the chartered mission of the Advisory Board and represent our best efforts to address multiple aspects of the current Energy Employees Occupational Illness Compensation Program.

We are pleased by the continued support and enthusiastic cooperation of Ms. Hearthway, 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 sincerely hope that our advice is useful to the Department. We thank you for the opportunity to serve as Board members and wish the Program continued success in meeting the needs of the United States energy employees. Please let us know if there are questions.

Sincerely

Steven Markowitz MD, DrPH

Chair

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