

ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR BIOLOGY AND MEDICINE
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Dear Dr. Seaborg:

The Advisory Committee for Biology and Medicine held its 138th meeting at the Oak Ridge National Laboratory on May 14 and 15, 1971.

ACBM members present were Drs. Philip P. Cohen, C. A. Finch, Arie J. Haagen-Smit, J. S. Laughlin, W. J. Schull, R. D. Moseley, Jr. (Chairman) and John B. Storer (Scientific Secretary). Also in attendance were Dr. John R. Totter, Director of the Division of Biology and Medicine, and members of his staff.

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The meeting on the 14th was devoted to some very interesting and informative presentations on the program of the Biology Division by Dr. Howard Adler, Director of the Division, and various members of his staff. The Biology Division is the largest single Division at ORNL, and its activities are so broad and extensive no attempt was made to summarize the entire program in one day.

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The ACBM met in executive session on the 15th. The Committee viewed with considerable dismay the failure to select a biomedical scientist for the recent E. O. Lawrence Awards, particularly in view of the high level of criticism and public discussion concerning environmental, ecological and biomedical problems. The ACBM feels that a magnificent opportunity to demonstrate the Commission's concern and efforts in these areas was missed. The fact that this was possible raises in the minds of many of the members of the ACBM a question concerning the method of selection of these nominees.

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Mr. Lester Rogers, Director of AEC's Division of Radiological and Environmental Protection, presented to the ACBM the changes proposed in Design Criteria, 10CFR50, and these were discussed at length. The ACBM made suggestions, in particular concerning the psychological impact of the wording of some of these changes, particularly as they related to action levels for operators in terms of reports to the Commission.

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The ACBM is hopeful that Mr. Rogers may find these suggestions helpful and that the wording of the document will not only reflect the intent of these design changes but will also avoid further unjustified public concern.

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✓ At the request of Mr. Charles Eason, of the General Manager's office, the ACBM appointed a subcommittee on occupational radiation exposure records and Mr. Eason has been so informed. The committee consists of Dr. John S. Laughlin and Dr. Robert D. Moseley, Jr.

This was Dr. Cohen's last meeting as a member of ACBM, having served on the Committee for the past eight years. Dr. Cohen will be missed by the ACBM members and we hope that he will be available for consultation so that we may have the benefit of his broad knowledge and sound advice when needed.

The next meeting of the ACBM is scheduled for September 10-11, 1971, at AEC Headquarters.

Sincerely,



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Chairman, Advisory Committee
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