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Status of Records of the University of Pittsburgh (Dr. Mancuso)

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Most records assembled as a part of the epidemiology study of mortality in selected DOE (formerly AEC) facilities under the direction of Dr. Mancuso are under the custody of Oak Ridge Operations Office, through its contracts with Oak Ridge Associated Universities (ORAU) and Union Carbide Corporation. Dr. Mancuso's contract was terminated several years ago although it has not been formally closed out by the Chicago Operations Office. Dr. Mancuso desires access to these records for a study which is being sponsored by the National Institute of Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH). These records are not available to Dr. Mancuso under the Privacy Act on two bases: (1) He is not currently conducting a study sponsored by DOE, and (2) NIOSH is not listed in the Federal Register as a user of the system of records as protected by the Privacy Act. Within the last few weeks, Dr. Yves Alarie, Professor and Chairman of the Department of Industrial and Environmental Health Sciences at the University of Pittsburgh, has informed Dr. Lushbaugh at ORAU that the University of Pittsburgh intends to submit a formal request for the records to the Chicago Operations Office.

I have discussed the above matter with Dr. Benson of Oak Ridge and Mr. Miller of Chicago, both of whom agree that any formal request from the University of Pittsburgh should be referred to the Oak Ridge Operations Office (Mr. Hart is named as the manager of the system of records in the Federal Register) and the current legal opinion in both offices is that the records should not be released to Dr. Mancuso for his study with NIOSH under existing circumstances. The only way that this could be accomplished would be for NIOSH to request the DOE to change the list of users for this system of records in the Federal Register to include NIOSH. I am sending copies of this memo to interested staff in Headquarters, Oak Ridge and Chicago.

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