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Dr. Jon M. Veigel, President
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Dear Dr. Veigel:

EPIDEMIOLOGIC STUDY OF PINELLAS PLANT EMPLOYEES

Dr. Shirley Fry of Oak Ridge Associated Universities (ORAU) has been requested by the Department of Energy's (DOE) Office of Epidemiology and Health Surveillance to conduct an epidemiologic study among the present and former contractor employees of the DOE's Pinellas Plant located in Largo, Florida. The DOE Oak Ridge Operations office requests that Dr. Fry and other appropriate ORAU staff participate in an introductory on-site meeting with representatives of the DOE Pinellas Area Operations office and contractor staff to develop an action plan and make initial decisions to implement this epidemiologic study. Dr. Fry should make arrangements directly with the Pinellas Area Office.

Sincerely,

Thomas M. Jelinek, Director
Energy Programs Division

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cc:
Dr. Shirley Fry, ORAU

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Dear Mr. ~~Patenaud~~: *Ed*

This letter is to inform you that I have instructed Oak Ridge Associated Universities (ORAU) to undertake an epidemiologic study among present and former contractor employees at the Department's Pinellas Plant. ORAU will perform this task as part of the Health and Mortality Study (HMS) of Department of Energy (DOE) workers under its contract with DOE.

In performance of work under its contract, ORAU is a routine user of contractor employee and other records relating to occupational health and safety that have been compiled by the plant contractor for DOE and are identified as DOE Systems of Records. ORAU is responsible for retrieving, processing, and managing data retrieved from records maintained at the plant or at designated repositories, and preparing them for epidemiologic analysis. The analysis will be conducted by ORAU in collaboration with the University of North Carolina, School of Public Health. Plant management and labor representatives will be asked to participate with the researchers in a tripartite advisory capacity and to provide technical assistance concerning plant operations and procedures over time, as necessary. A tripartite meeting to initiate the study will be scheduled.

ORAU initially will need to compile identifying and demographic data for all individuals ever employed at the Pinellas Plant since the start of operations. Concurrently, or subsequently, they will retrieve employment, personnel, and area monitoring data for occupational health hazards including radiation and radioactive materials that have ever existed in the plant.

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I request you to direct your operating contractor at the Pinellas Plant to work with ORAU personnel to expedite the retrieval of personnel and other records needed for this study. Dr. Shirley A. Fry, Director of ORAU's Center for Epidemiologic Research, is the point of contact for all formal communications relating to execution of this task.

Sincerely,



Robert Goldsmith, Ph.D.
Acting Director
Office of Epidemiology and
Health Surveillance

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