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Dear Dr. Boice:

This letter confirms your appointment as a member of the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) Peer Review Committee for the study, “An Analysis of Cancer Risk in Populations Living near Nuclear-Power Facilities.” We appreciate your participation and look forward to your valuable input in this important project.

The first peer-review meeting is scheduled for Thursday, November 19, 2009, in Rockville, Maryland. We will provide you with an agenda and information concerning the meeting location and travel logistics prior to the meeting. We expect to have three peer-review meetings in the Rockville, Maryland, area during the length of the study.

NRC is performing this study to provide up-to-date information that complements the 1990 U.S. National Cancer Institute (NCI) study, “Cancer in Populations Living near Nuclear Facilities.” As you may know, NCI researchers assessed more than 900,000 mortality records for 16 types of cancer in counties located throughout the Unites States for the years 1950 through 1982. Their report showed no general increased risk of death from cancer for people living in 107 counties containing or closely adjacent to 62 nuclear facilities, which included all nuclear power reactors that were operational before 1982.

For the NRC study, the staff selected the Center for Epidemiologic Research (CER) at the Oak Ridge Institute for Science and Education (Operated by Oak Ridge Universities) as the lead contractor for developing study protocols, collecting and analyzing data, and preparing draft and final reports. An essential component of this study is the independent external peer review committee that reviews the study protocols and draft reports prepared by CER to ensure a high-quality and technically defensible final report.

Thank you for your participation. Please feel free to contact me at 301-251-7528, or Dr. Terry Brock at 301-251-7487, if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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