

Advisory Board on Toxic Substances and Worker Health

November 4, 2016

Mr. Thomas E. Perez
Secretary of Labor
Department of labor
200 Constitution Ave.
Washington, DC NW 20210

Honorable Secretary Perez:

On behalf of the Department of Labor Advisory Board on Toxic Substances and Worker Health, I submit the attached recommendations and accompanying rationales that we adopted at our October 17-19, 2016 meeting in Oak Ridge, TN. These recommendations fall within the scope of the chartered mission of the Advisory Board and represent our initial attempts to address multiple components of the current Energy Employees Occupational Illness Compensation Program.

Mr. Howie, 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 have been extraordinarily supportive of our work. There has also been very active and frank input from the public to the Advisory Board. For both, we are grateful.

We continue to learn about this complicated program and look forward to developing additional recommendations, which we will submit as they are adopted. We hope that our advice is useful.

Sincerely,



Steven Markowitz MD, DrPH
Chair

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