

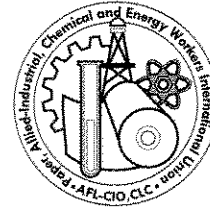
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Dear Chairman Ziemer and Advisory Board Members

Unions and worker groups have organized meetings with NIOSH and its contractor support staff to provide input into the site profiles being prepared for use by radiation dose reconstructors in the compensation program. This NIOSH initiative was triggered by a formal request from the Advisory Board.

With the exception of several locations, we are growing increasingly concerned that this input is not being fairly considered by NIOSH and ORAU. We believe that it may be appropriate for the Board and/or its audit contractor to evaluate the degree and extent to which the workers' comments were evaluated and, where relevant, incorporated into the site profiles.

This letter requests that the Advisory Board, and, where appropriate, its audit contractor, review the comments provided on NIOSH site profiles that were submitted by local unions and worker groups, including at Hanford, INL, K-25, Portsmouth, Paducah, Rocky Flats, Fernald and Chapman Valve. These comments are contained in the "Top Hat" data base, but to date, we are not even aware whether these have been reviewed by the audit contractor, for example in the recent Hanford site profile review.

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Thank you for your consideration. Please contact Herman Potter (615-831-6718 or hpotter@pacevoice.org) if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Michael J. Wright". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal line extending from the end of the name.

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