ABRWH Member Conflict of Interest Disclosure Statement

The Advisory Board on Radiation and Worker Health (the Board) is very concerned with maintaining the transparency of the compensation program created by the Energy Employees Occupational Illness Compensation Program Act of 2000. In an effort to foster a fully open and honest environment for claimants and in order to allay any concerns within the stakeholder community regarding perceived or actual conflicts of interest for Board members, the Board releases the following information:

Board Member's Name and Position:

Paul L. Ziemer, Ph.D. - Chair

Professor Emeritus School of Health Sciences Purdue University West Lafayette, Indiana

Biographical Information: Dr. Paul Ziemer is Professor Emeritus and former Head of the School of Health Sciences at Purdue University in West Lafayette, Indiana. Dr. Ziemer served as the Assistant Secretary of Energy for Environment, Safety, and Health from 1990 to 1993. From 1995-2001, Dr. Ziemer was a consultant for Advanced Technologies and Laboratories, Inc., and served as Chairman of the Board from 1999-2001. He earlier served as a health physicist at the Oak Ridge National Laboratory, a Radiological Physics Fellow at Vanderbilt University, and a physicist at the U.S. Naval Research Laboratory in Washington, D.C. He is a Certified Health Physics. Dr. Ziemer has also served as a member of the American Board of Health Physics.

Waiver: Dr. Ziemer has been provided a waiver under 18 U.S.C. § 208(b)(3), permitting him to participate in the deliberations and recommendations of the Board, because the need for his services outweighs the potential for conflict of interest. This waiver is expressly limited as described below, and will not allow participation relating to specific matters in which he has a financial or imputed financial interest. In addition, Dr. Ziemer will remain subject to the disqualification requirements imposed by 5 C.F.R. § 2635.502 with respect to specific party matters. Each individual Board member, with the assistance and guidance of the Designated Federal Official, will monitor all Board issues for other actual or potential conflicts of interest and will ensure proper recusal if necessary.

Year Waiver Issued: 2006

DOE/AWE Sites Where a Conflict of Interest Exists or May Exist That Requires Recusal for specific matters, such as Site Profile Review, Dose Reconstruction Review or SEC Petition:

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