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Dear All,

I enjoyed seeing you at the Annual Meeting. The folks at UC-San Diego did a great job planning and executing the meeting, and I appreciate all of their efforts.

There were several new features at the Annual Meeting that worked very well – one was the Research Translation Sessions. Not all of you were able to attend these sessions, but they were quite productive. The Research Translation Core leaders have initiated a diverse group of interesting projects and we are very excited to learn more about them.

However, in our discussions with the Research Translation Core leaders, I have come to find that perhaps there has been somewhat of a misunderstanding of one of my expectations for this Core. I realize that it is less intellectually interesting, but none the less a critical role of the RTC leaders: providing information to SBRP staff about your program's accomplishments and research findings. We need this information for a variety of purposes – to keep the website up-to-date, to enable us to work with the NIEHS Office of Communications to highlight accomplishments, to respond to DHHS's weekly request for information for the Secretary's Forecast, and to respond to NIH and Congressional requests for information.

It is not unusual for us to receive quick-turnaround requests and it really is important that we have up-to-date information. This allows us to present a complete picture of the SBRP's accomplishments and contributions. ***So, whenever possible, we would like to know about your news before it happens.*** My expectation is that the Research Translation Cores will serve as the conduit of information from your program to us.

Specifically, we would like to receive notices of:

- Press releases
- Investigator awards
- Investigator service on panels and committees
- News for the SBRP e-Posted Notes
- Pending publications in high impact journals
- Patents, patent applications and licensing agreements
- Work with EPA and/or ATSDR to validate analytical methods or remediation technologies

The Research Translation Cores are doing a great job of alerting us to activities that they are undertaking, but they need your support to be able to provide us with program-wide information. Specifically, there is one area that I would like to emphasize -- the early notification of ground breaking publications. I would like a heads up before I read about it in "Google Alert"! I call on you, in conjunction with your project investigators, alert us to in advance. You may do this directly or work through your Research Translation Core. As your Research Translation Core is aware, this information should be sent to either Beth Anderson or Maureen Avakian.

I appreciate your support in this on-going and critical effort.

Yours Truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Bill", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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