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Yucca Mountain Tunnel Workers:

The U.S. Department of Energy has announced that a free Silicosis Screening Program administered by a consortium led by the University of Cincinnati Medical Center and including the Center to Protect Workers' Rights and Zenith Administrators has been set-up for workers who worked at the DOE Yucca Mountain Exploratory Studies Facility (ESF) tunnel-mining project from January 1, 1992 through the present time.

If you were involved in the tunneling and underground operations, or in setting-up the experimental studies in the underground areas and wish to participate in the Yucca Mountain Silicosis Screening Program, please fill-out the enclosed Initial Contact Form and send it to us in the enclosed postage-paid envelope. The information you give us on the Initial Contact Form will only be used for Screening Program-related purposes.

After we receive the completed Initial Contact Form, you will be contacted to make arrangements for a short telephone interview about your work at Yucca Mountain and to schedule a free silicosis screening exam. If you have any questions, you may call the Silicosis Screening Program Office toll-free at 1-866-716-1542.

In 1998, the DOE Yucca Mountain Project implemented the Silicosis Protection Program to monitor current workers who spend more than 20 days per year in the underground areas. It is expected that current employees will continue to receive medical monitoring through the Silicosis Protection Program.

This is not a long-term program, so it is very important for you to indicate your interest in participating in the Yucca Mountain Silicosis Screening Program by completing and mailing the enclosed Initial Contact Form as soon as possible.

Thank you.

(Signature on file)

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