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Dear Professors Hricko and Monforton:

Thank you for your letter of 5 January 2010 asking (1) whether there is any preliminary results being circulated outside of NIOSH or NCI [pertaining to the NCI/NIOSH Diesel Exhaust Study]; (2) if any preliminary results have, as BNSF claims, caused a "reevaluation" of diesel exhaust and its health effects, and (3) whether the National Academies is involved in any way.

I know of no public dissemination of the yet-to-be-published health effect findings arising from the NCI/NIOSH study of health effects in underground miners exposed to diesel exhaust; nor am I aware of any "reevaluation" of diesel exhaust and its health effects based on the yet-to-published health effect findings arising from the NCI/NIOSH study; nor am I aware of any involvement of the National Academies either in the conduct of the NCI/NIOSH study of health effects in underground miners exposed to diesel exhaust; or its yet-to-be-published health effect findings.

Thank you for your letter and for your interest in the NCI/NIOSH Diesel Exhaust Health Effects Study.

Sincerely,



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