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Here is what Randy sent to me on the beryllium/lung cancer issue. Let me know if you can't access it or if you're already familiar with the study. Again, thanks!

Michelle,

Good morning, I hope you had an enjoyable weekend.

On behalf of Brush Wellman, I am enclosing the most recent published and peer-reviewed analysis of the original Ward study population, which was the principal study used by the NTP to conclude that beryllium is a human carcinogen. The Levy study concludes that when smoking-related cancer is accounted for in the beryllium-exposed population, there is no elevated cancer rate for beryllium workers. Other scientists peer reviewing Levy's work agreed with his conclusion.

As I mentioned to you when we met last week, the exposure levels to beryllium were significantly higher in the 40s and 50s, which the Ward study population represents, than what is found in the workplace today and over the past 2-3 decades.

The Levy study raises a serious public policy question about adding cancer from beryllium exposure to the list of compensable diseases under H.R. 1758. Should workers be compensated for beryllium exposure when the most recent science says such exposure is not linked to cancer? The reductions in workplace beryllium exposures over the past 50 years further reduces any theoretical risk of cancer from beryllium. Also, as I mentioned, H.R. 1758 would compensate workers for lung cancer unrelated to beryllium, including smoking, along with other primary cancers that metastasize to the lungs.

I would like to revisit our last discussion after you have had an opportunity to review the enclosed report. I'll give you a call later this week to see when you are available.

Best wishes.

Randy

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