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Dear Director Hinnefeld and Dr. Wade,

Last week I met with members of the Steelworkers Organization of Active Retirees (SOAR) on the issue of exposure to uranium dust at the Bethlehem Steel plant in Lackawanna, New York. At this meeting, concerned members of SOAR provided me with a significant amount of information about the toxic exposure incumbent to the uranium rolling at Bethlehem. Per customary practice, I wanted to be sure to pass along these affidavits as you continue to work towards extending the residual contamination period for the site.

You will see from the enclosed set of affidavits that many, many former steelworkers contend that there was an inadequate clean-up at the rolling mill after 1952, that workers were not adequately protected from the risk of exposure, and that countless workers now suffer from cancers that could be related to this exposure. These affidavits affirm previous assertions made by workers at the site.

As I indicated to you in correspondence just last week, it has been nearly six months since your last visit with the steelworkers and their families. I strongly urge you to find merit in the voluminous factual contentions of exposure to contamination to extend the residual contamination period for the Bethlehem Steel site.

Sincerely,



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