Dear Stakeholder:

In a continuing effort to plan for the future, the Department of Energy (DOE); the National Center for Environmental Health (NCEH) and the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH) of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC); and the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (ATSDR), have developed a plan entitled Agenda for HHS Public Health Activities (for Fiscal Years 2003-2008) at U.S. Department of Energy Sites. The plan specifically includes proposed research and public health activities related to DOE sites.

We will be updating this agenda annually, so I encourage you to provide feedback on the plan. Your review of this document and submission of comments will aid the agencies in refining the agenda. The document can be viewed at: http://tis.eh.doe.gov/health/documents/agenda2003-08.pdf or via the link at http://www.cdc.gov/nced/radiation/energy.htm. If you require a hard copy, please send a written request to the address below. Your contributions will help us move forward on actions that further improve public health.

Please provide your written comments regarding this plan by November 14, 2003, to:

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We encourage you to remain interested, informed, and involved, and we look forward to your comments.

Sincerely yours,

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