

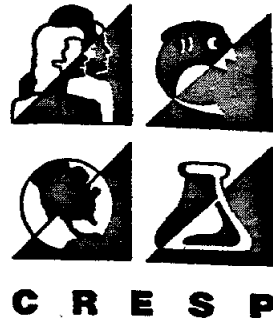
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Dear Mr. Elliott:

Thank you for your letter of April 11, concerning the development of a new occupational illness compensation program. Although I have limited personal expertise in compensation matters, I have noted with interest a report by Wakeford et al to the effect that a probability of causation method has been used successfully for compensating nuclear industry workers in the UK (Wakeford, R., Antell, B.A., and Leigh, W.J.: A review of probability of causation and its use in a compensation scheme for nuclear industry workers in the United Kingdom. Health Physics 74: 1-9, 1998).

If I can do anything to be of help to you in developing the program, please don't hesitate to call on me.

Sincerely,

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