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Cathy Baase, MD (Director, Health Services)  
James J. Collins, PhD (Director, Epidemiology)  
Dow Center  
The Dow Chemical Company  
Midland, MI 48674

Re: Formation of Science Advisory Board

Dear Drs. Baase and Collins:

As you know, we have been working with the Spring House Research Lab to conduct a mortality study of its workforce. Given the complexities of such a study, we thought it was beneficial to formulate an external science advisory board (SAB) to assist us in this undertaking. The specific duties of this SAB will be to advise on the science connected with the particular epidemiologic investigation we have designed. The following disciplines will be represented: industrial hygiene, occupational medicine, occupational epidemiology. I expect that this board will be pulled together over the next few weeks. As soon as that process is complete, I will let you know, along with those selected.

Please call if you have any questions.

Sincerely,



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