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Re: NanoSafety Consortium for Carbon (NCC)

Dear Rick:

NCC's Management Committee recently passed a resolution asking NCC's advisory board and external liaisons to consider a multi-tiered testing regimen for presentation by NCC to EPA this fall. As you are NCC's coordinating toxicologist/scientist, please convene a series of advisory board and external liaison conference calls during the month of August 2010 and work towards this goal.

As you know, NCC's recent resolution contains the following six tiers which we ask NCC's advisory board and liaisons to carefully consider in keeping with the objectives set forth in NCC's bylaws and advisory board charter:

Tier One: Materials characterization based on OECD and/or ISO criteria.

Tier Two: Workplace assessments to be coordinated with National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health based on their good nanomanufacturing guidelines and other published documents.

Tier Three: Focused life cycle analysis for each NCC member accounting for potential EHS risks and hazards during the manufacturing process.

Tier Four: Creation and implementation of a monitoring program to ensure that there are no releases to water of nanoscale carbon materials above predetermined levels in NCC's members' facilities.

Tier Five: Explore scientific avenues for 90 day *in vivo* inhalation toxicity testing of purified representative samples of multi-walled carbon nanotubes (including double-walled carbon nanotubes), single-walled carbon nanotubes, fullerenes, graphene, and carbon nanofibers based on modified OECD and/or EPA OPPT testing guidelines.

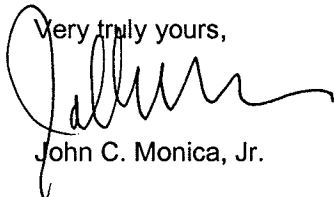
Tier Six: Provision of all resulting data and information to EPA. Open publication and dissemination of final test results (with appropriate protection of members' proprietary property, such as that dealing with the development, formulation, and methods of production pertaining to their products).

Once NNC's advisory board and external liaisons have had an opportunity to review and modify (or reject) the above and reduce their recommendations to writing, NCC will then present the proposal to EPA for its consideration and (hopefully) approval. NCC plans to submit its proposal to EPA in/by September 2010.

In order to assist NCC with its submission to EPA, please memorialize all conference call work product in a short proposal/plan of no more than five pages. Because all of the details of each proposed tier are necessarily subject to extensive discussion and final agreement with EPA, please make the written proposal/plan general in nature. Our goal is to have a broad plan to submit to EPA for discussion purposes by Labor Day.

Thanks again for all of your hard work. I will be available to you, the advisory board, and the external liaisons to answer any administrative and for regulatory questions. Additionally, our office can assist with any secretarial or administrative needs. However, my intent is not to play an active role in the substantive portions of the group's deliberations, as I am not a scientist and have little of value to add in this regard.

Very truly yours,



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cc: NCC Advisory Board Members and External Liaisons
NCC Member Representatives