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EPA Teleconference with the Scientific Advisory Board Radiation Advisory Committee

Oral Comments given by Alfred Meyer:

My name is Alfred Meyer. I am a board member of Physicians for Social Responsibility.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide oral comments.

Today I would like to present a single topic for consideration.

PSR asks that the Scientific Advisory Board Radiation Advisory Committee conduct its scientific discussions and deliberations in light of the fact that there are certain life stages, such as pregnancy and child development, that are more vulnerable to radiation exposure than other stages.

Furthermore, standards established should protect the most vulnerable life stages.

When the RAC considers any scientific or regulatory information, please be cognizant of whether or not it includes protection of the most vulnerable. If it does not protect the most vulnerable, please adjust your use of that source accordingly.

If standards do protect the most vulnerable life stages, then they are very likely to provide protection to the general public.

If standards do not protect the most vulnerable life stages, then we are bequeathing unknown intergenerational effects into future generations.

While we do not know now what these changes will be as, we do know, according the National Academy of Sciences, that all exposure to radiation increases health risks.

To achieve the goal of protecting the most vulnerable life stages, we recommend that appropriate EPA committees, such as the RAC, should include experts on this topic as committee members.

Thank you very much.