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Re: Update on Spring House Epidemiology Study and Screening Option

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Dear Current and Former Spring House Employees:

The purpose of this letter is to update you on the follow-up investigation to the epidemiological study of brain cancer among Spring House employees that was completed and presented in January 2004.

The 18-month epidemiological study completed last year was a case-control study. We compared the two groups of employees: those with brain cancer, and a group of employees who did not have brain cancer, called controls. The study team then examined the possible work-related factors in each group to learn what factors might be associated with the disease. To do this, the study team compared the work histories, dates of hire, building locations and potential chemical exposures of brain cancer cases with the control group. No study factor emerged as statistically significantly associated with the brain cancer occurrence.

We made a commitment then to start a cohort mortality epidemiologic study. This type of study would evaluate the mortality patterns among Spring House employees for all causes of death and compare them to the mortality experience in the general population of the United States and the State of Pennsylvania. To date, we have identified all employees who have ever worked at the Spring House facility.

In this next phase of the cohort study, we are ready to proceed to the assessment of work-related factors, such as the department or area in which members of the study population worked. This phase will take about 6-8 months. After that, we will conduct an analysis and evaluation of the findings. As we have previously explained, we expect to be ready to present results of the cohort study to you in November 2006.

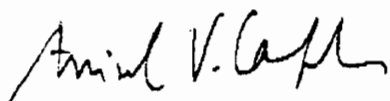
We also have an Expert Advisory Panel, consisting of outside experts in epidemiology and industrial hygiene, that will be assisting us to ensure the accuracy of this study by making suggestions and recommendations about the study methodology and data interpretation.

For employees who are concerned about their own health, we remind you that MRI exams or other neurological procedures have always been and remain available through your Company medical coverage if such procedures are prescribed by your doctor. For those employees or former employees without medical coverage for such procedures, the Company will, at its expense, make them available if prescribed by your doctor. Employees without medical coverage whose physicians recommend an MRI should contact Dr. Eileen Bonner at 215-785-7061 in order to arrange for an MRI. Please feel free to share with your doctor any of the information we have provided to you about the epidemiological study completed last year. If your doctor has any further questions, he or she may contact Dr. Bonner.

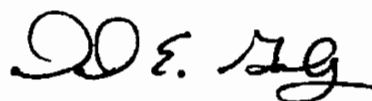
We will continue to share study information with you as it becomes available.

It continues to be our personal belief, based on the case-control study findings and review of the current health and safety practices, that Spring House is a safe place to work. This belief reflects our opinion and that of Company management. The Company takes no position on whether employees should participate in the recently filed class action lawsuit, and notes that it is unlawful for Rohm and Haas to retaliate against anyone who chooses to participate and the Company will not do so.

Sincerely,



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