

MEMORANDUM

DATE: December 7, 1999

TO: Tom Bell, Mohandas Bhat, Frank Hawkins, Ruth Neta, Joe Weiss, and Libby White

FROM: Barrett Fountos 

SUBJECT: Summary of the December 6, 1999 Meeting of the Chernobyl Oversight Panel (COP)

The Chernobyl Oversight Panel of the National Cancer Institute's (NCI) Division of Cancer Epidemiology and Genetics met at NCI to review the status of the Chernobyl thyroid and leukemia studies. Shelia Zahm, Deputy Director, chaired the meeting. Attendees included Dr. Andre Bouville, Ms. Donna Gellerson, Dr. Patricia Hartge, Dr. Robert Hoover, Dr. Charles Land, Dr. Jay Lubin, Dr. Nick Luckyanov, Dr. Ihor Masnyk, Ms. Sharon Miller, Dr. Jacob Robbins, Dr. Elaine Ron, and Mr. Barrett Fountos. Dr. Jonathan Samet participated by telephone.

Dr. Zahm introduced Ms. Gellerson who has replaced Virginia Kiesewetter on budget issues. The focus of the meeting was the review of Phase I of the leukemia study and the recommendations of the Leukemia Study Working Group. The COP endorsed the recommendations of the Leukemia Study Working Group to proceed with a modified Phase II study and to provide the Ukrainians with funding between now and the initiation of Phase II. Meanwhile, because of the change in study design from case-cohort to case-control, it is anticipated that no additional funding will be needed. The COP members anticipate 450 leukemia cases in the liquidators and are confident that the Ukrainians will be able to complete the study within the 4 year time period.

The COP will meet on January 10 at 10:30 a.m. at NCI.

**Division of Cancer Epidemiology and Genetics
Chornobyl Oversight Panel
December 6, 1999
10:30 a.m.- 12:30 p.m., EPN J - *NOTE LOCATION***

AGENDA

- I. Review of Action Items from Thyroid Study Meeting (20 minutes) Thomas, Zahm

- II. Review of Phase I of the Leukemia Study and Working Group Recommendations
 - A. Summary of Phase I Report (15 minutes) Beebe
 - B. Dosimetry Considerations (15 minutes) Bouville
 - C. Aims and Design of Phase II Study Recommended by Working Group (15 minutes) Howe
 - D. Discussion of Strengths and Limitations of Proposed Study Design (40 minutes) Hartge
 - E. Formulation of COP Recommendation (15 minutes) Hoover

Attachments:

Executive Summary of Report of the Phase I Feasibility Study, Oct. 11
Comments on Ukrainian Chornobyl Worker Workshop from J. Boice, Oct. 19
Memorandum of Recommendations of the Continuation of the Study of Leukemia among
Chornobyl Cleanup Workers in Ukraine from G. Beebe and A. Romanenko, Nov. 16
Post-Lyon Draft of Phase I Final Report (Dosimetry Group), Oct. 31