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STATEMENT

The following statement defines administrative changes in the Ukrainian American Chernobyl Ocular Study (UACOS) which are aimed at ensuring the success of the UACOS program by streamlining and improving program management. This is meant to facilitate day to day interactions between the epidemiological, ophthalmic and dosimetric portions of the study.

Currently existing funding for the effort stems from separate agreements between the Department of Energy of the United States of America, the Ukrainian Radiation Protection Institute and the Institute of Occupational Health (IOH). It is proposed that all the work being currently done be consolidated under the aegis of the IOH.

This re-organization is designed in such a way that all terms of the original Funding Agreements will remain in force, the only substantive change being that the IOH will administrative oversight for both.

This statement does not impact or otherwise alter, in any way, the technical aspects of the work, milestones or any terms within the above mentioned Finding Agreements other than oversight responsibility.

This statement is restricted to the U.S. Department of Energy, Radiation Protection Institute ATS Ukraine and Institute of Occupational Medicine AMS Ukraine and is not relevant to any other legal entities in either Ukraine or the USA.

This administrative re-alignment recognizes the need to bring into closer coordination all components of the program. While it does not represent a cost savings (in real dollars) to either side, it is anticipated that the increased efficiency and more centralized oversight will minimize potential bottlenecks and time consuming redundancy.

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