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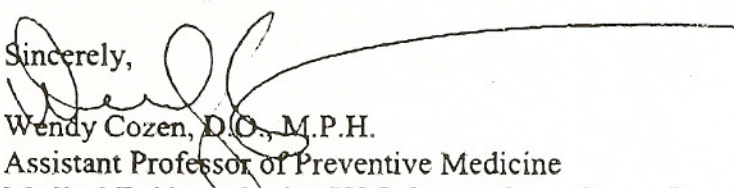
Janet Scully, M.P.H.
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659 South Vermont Avenue, 14th Floor- South Tower
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Dear Ms. Scully,

I received the cancer case reports that you collected from the persons who resided near the Sunshine Canyon Landfill. Of the 15 cancer diagnoses listed in the reports, we confirmed 13 in our USC Cancer Surveillance Program database. Of the two that were not confirmed, one was a non-melanoma skin cancer and therefore not a reportable cancer and the second was diagnosed in 2004 and would not have been officially recorded in the database yet. Typically, it takes 9 months from the date of the cancer diagnosis in a Los Angeles County resident to be entered into the registry database, mainly because we must wait for all of the pertinent treatment information that we are obligated to collect.

Thus, the 13 cancer diagnoses that would have been reported to us by January 31, 2005 were all accounted for in our database. We hope this information helps reassure the community that our reporting of cancer among Los Angeles County residents is essentially complete.

Sincerely,



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