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Dear Dr. Hassell:

Thank you for appearing before the Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations on Tuesday, July 28, 2015, to testify at the hearing entitled "Continuing Concerns with the Federal Select Agent Program: Department of Defense Shipments of Live Anthrax."

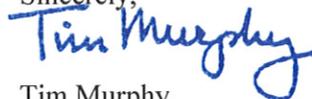
Pursuant to the Rules of the Committee on Energy and Commerce, the hearing record remains open for ten business days to permit Members to submit additional questions for the record, which are attached. The format of your responses to these questions should be as follows: (1) the name of the Member whose question you are addressing, (2) the complete text of the question you are addressing in bold, and (3) your answer to that question in plain text.

Also attached are Member requests made during the hearing. The format of your responses to these requests should follow the same format as your responses to the additional questions for the record.

To facilitate the printing of the hearing record, please respond to these questions and requests with a transmittal letter by the close of business on September 15, 2015. Your responses should be mailed to Jessica Wilkerson, Oversight Associate, Committee on Energy and Commerce, 2125 Rayburn House Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20515 and e-mailed in Word format to jessica.wilkerson@mail.house.gov.

Thank you again for your time and effort preparing and delivering testimony before the Subcommittee.

Sincerely,



Tim Murphy
Chairman
Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations

cc: Diana DeGette, Ranking Member, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations

Attachments

Attachment 1—Additional Questions for the Record

The Honorable Susan Brooks

1. Are the workers at the labs that ship and receive the anthrax samples, those that verify the death certificates, provided with the anthrax vaccine ahead of time?
 - a. If not, why, and when there is one readily available for use and distribution?
 - b. What measures do these labs have in place for immediate response should a lab worker be exposed to live anthrax?
 - c. Do you consider these measures adequate?

Attachment 2—Member Requests for the Record

During the hearing, Members asked you to provide additional information for the record, and you indicated that you would provide that information. For your convenience, descriptions of the requested information are provided below.

The Honorable Diana DeGette

1. Please describe to the Committee steps that DOD may take to increase the culture of safety at the labs that are part of the Federal Select Agent Program.
2. Please provide additional detail as to why the DOD believes that the problems discussed in this hearing took place at one specific lab, the Dugway Proving Ground.

The Honorable Paul Tonko

1. What percentage of uniformed versus civilian employees at the Dugway Proving Ground?
2. What percentage of the civilian employees at the Dugway Proving Ground is unionized?

The Honorable Susan Brooks

Please provide a detailed explanation of how the process for death certificates work, including what information is required to be included in the certificate.