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Subject: Comments on public draft report 'Emission during coal gasification'

Dear Ms. Rice and Ms. Forester,

Thank you for accepting the invitation to comment on the draft report *Emission during coal gasification*, which was published for public review in October 2018 by the Subcommittee on the classification of carcinogenic substances of the Dutch Expert Committee on Occupational Safety (DECOS) of the Health Council of the Netherlands. The Subcommittee highly appreciates the comment made by NIOSH, which enables the committee to modify and improve its report.

On behalf of the President of the Health Council, I can inform you that two editorial comments are adapted in the text (Pages 10 and 28, draft version). Furthermore, at the description of the study by Culp et al. (1998), the Subcommittee decided to delete the part on captan (Page 22, draft version), because of questions on how to interpret these data. Your suggestion to include an addendum listing the products from the process and genotoxic and carcinogenicity classifications for each, cannot be fulfilled, because such lists are not available.

The final advisory report *Emission during coal gasification* was published on the website of the Health Council on May 20, 2019, including your comment and this letter by the Subcommittee. The comments and replies are available for the public.

Best regards,

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