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Sidney Wolfe, M.D.  
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Dear Dr. Wolfe:

Thank you for your letter petitioning the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) for a national standard to address occupational exposure to excessive heat, and the package of supporting data and information. OSHA appreciates the opportunity to consider the information you have compiled.

The materials you submitted include a range of technical considerations including heat stress thresholds, heat acclimatization planning, exposure monitoring, medical monitoring, and more. Further analysis of these elements will be necessary prior to determination of further action. Your petition is currently under review with the agency's Directorate of Standards and Guidance, and OSHA will provide Public Citizen and signatories with a response once the agency has had the opportunity to afford these materials a more thorough review.

Thank you for sharing your concerns on this important matter. Should you require additional assistance during the interim, please contact William Perry in the Directorate of Standards and Guidance at 202-693-1950.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Loren Sweatt".

Loren Sweatt  
Deputy Assistant Director