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Dear Dr. Woychik:

The National Toxicology Program (NTP) Board of Scientific Counselors (BSC) held a public meeting on May 4, 2023, to discuss and deliberate the BSC Working Group's assessments of NTP authors' responses to input from federal agencies and/or external peer reviewers received during development of the State of the Science Monograph and Meta-Analysis Manuscript on fluoride. As outcome of that meeting, the BSC voted to accept in full the *NTP Board of Scientific Counselors Working Group Report on the Draft State of the Science Monograph and Draft Meta-Analysis Manuscript on Fluoride*, with exception of text related to an IQ statistic (8.P, page 323) that the BSC asked the Working Group to verify or correct.

On behalf of the BSC, I am transmitting to you this interim version of the Working Group Report (attached). The text under review by the Working Group is highlighted on page 325.

The BSC is tentatively scheduled to hold a continuation of the May 4 meeting on May 16, 2023, at which time the BSC hopes to complete its deliberations on the Working Group's updated input and subsequently transmit the Final Working Group Report to you.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have questions.

Sincerely,

Kathleen Gray, Ph.D.  
Chair, NTP BSC

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