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To: Agricultural Health Study Participant

From: Charles Lynch, M.D., Ph.D.
Director, Iowa Field Station

Thank you for participating in our follow-up interview for the Agricultural Health Study. You are an essential member of this study, which is designed to learn about how occupation and environmental factors affect an individual's health. Thanks to your participation, this now is the largest one of its kind in the United States.

As we discussed on the phone, we would like to collect a sample of loose cells from your mouth. This is done simply by swishing mouthwash in your mouth and then expelling it into the accompanying container (see the enclosed DIRECTIONS FOR MOUTHWASH). The cells will be kept in a freezer for long-term storage, and will be used for later laboratory analysis that will involve genetic testing. This will take only a few minutes of your time and will provide very important information for the study. Once you collect this sample, please return it as soon as possible in the padded envelope enclosed. **If we have not received the kit back in a few weeks, we may contact you to see if you have any questions or concerns.**

We will continue to inform you about the study's progress on various aspects of research through periodic communications. If you have any questions, please call us at **1-800-217-1954**. We will be glad to assist you.

We truly value your continued participation in this landmark study of agricultural workers and their families. Because you have already provided us with valuable information no other person can take your place.

Thank you once again for your time and support.