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Dear Mr Eiriksson,

Your letter of 10 June 2009 regarding a query on a mobile phone base station study protocol, addressed to the Office of the Director-General of the World Health Organization (WHO), has been passed to me for reply.

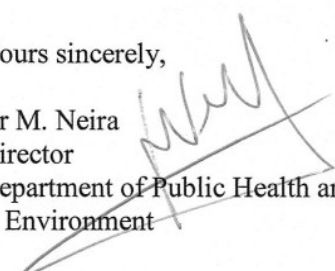
The health impact from exposure to electromagnetic fields is of interest to WHO which established the International Electromagnetic Fields (EMF) Project in 1996. One of the primary goals of the Project is to assess the scientific evidence of possible health effects of EMF. Using the Organization's evaluation mechanisms, the International EMF Project has performed formal health risk assessments of static fields (2006) and extremely low frequency fields (2007). As you may know, the next phase is the health risk assessment of radiofrequency fields, including mobile telephony.

WHO has established appropriate and standardized processes (or protocols) for the development of health guidelines. In particular, formal quality assessment of published papers use systematic reviews where necessary or systematic evaluation of existing recent national and international guidelines if available. Quality criteria used to evaluate the scientific literature on health risks follow the methodologies defined in the Environmental Health Criteria documents (<http://www.who.int/ipcs/publications/ehc/en/>).

We hope this response will clarify the position of the World Health Organization on the matter.

Yours sincerely,

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Environment



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