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Dear Dr. Lucas,

Thank you for your letter of 27 November 2006 concerning the possible adverse health impact of electromagnetic fields (EMF).

I would like to assure you that the Commission is closely monitoring new developments in scientific research and international regulatory action in the field of EMF.

As you might already know, Commission services have continuously monitored the application of Recommendation 1999/519/EC as well as the development of scientific knowledge on possible health effects of EMF. In particular, a report on the measures taken by the Member States following the adoption of Recommendation 1999/519/EC was presented by the Commission to the Parliament and Council in 2002¹. The report concluded, inter alia, that all countries were using the International Commission for Non-Ionising Radiation Protection (ICNIRP) guidelines and the Council Recommendation as the basis for their recommended exposure levels for frequencies of 0 Hz to 300 GHz and most countries had legally binding measures to implement their framework for protecting the public against EMF. However, some countries had adopted stricter measures or had installed regional protection regimes.

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¹ http://ec.europa.eu/health/ph_determinants/environment/EMF/implement_rep_en.pdf