

Advisory Board Recommends New SEC Class for Ames Laboratory Former Workers who worked from 1942 through 1970

On September 14, 2011, the Advisory Board on Radiation and Worker Health recommended the Energy Employees Occupational Illness Compensation Program Act's (EEOICPA) Special Exposure Cohort (SEC) Petition for the following class of employees:

All U.S. Department of Energy employees, its predecessor agencies, and its contractors and subcontractors who worked in any area of Ames Laboratory at Iowa State University during the period from January 1, 1942 through December 31, 1970, for a number of work days aggregating at least 250 work days, occurring either solely under the employment, or in combination with work days within the parameters established for one or more classes of employees included in the Special Exposure Cohort.

Following the designation of the new SEC class by the Secretary of Health and Human Services and establishment of an effective date, which is estimated to occur in November or December 2011, EEOICP claims based on the new SEC class will be reviewed by the U.S. Department of Labor (DOL).

The SEC establishes eligible cancer claims to be compensated without the completion of a radiation dose reconstruction or a determination of the probability of causation. In other words, there is a presumption that the cancer is related to work at the facility.

To qualify for compensation under the SEC, a covered employee must have been diagnosed with a "specified cancer" and worked for at least 250 work days at an SEC facility. Specified cancers include: bone cancer; renal cancer; leukemia (other than chronic lymphocytic leukemia); lung cancer; multiple myeloma; lymphomas (other than Hodgkin's disease); multiple skin cancers; or primary cancer of the bile ducts, brain/central nervous system, breast, colon/rectal, esophagus, gall bladder, liver (except if cirrhosis or hepatitis B is indicated), laryngeal, ovary, pancreas, pharynx, salivary gland, small intestine, stomach, thyroid or urinary bladder.

Updates will be provided when this SEC class becomes effective. For more information about the new SEC class and/or filing a claim, please contact the Ames Laboratory-FWP or DOL Denver Resource Center:

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