

New SEC Class for Ames Laboratory Former Workers who worked from 1955 through 1960

A new class of former employees from the Ames Laboratory was recently added to the Energy Employees Occupational Illness Compensation Program Act's (EEOICPA) Special Exposure Cohort (SEC).

On October 6, 2010, the Secretary of Health and Human Services (HHS) designated the following class of employees for addition to the Special Exposure Cohort (SEC), which became effective on November 5, 2010:

All employees of the U.S. Department of Energy, its predecessor agencies, and its contractors and subcontractors who worked in any area of the Department of Energy facility at the Ames Laboratory from January 1, 1955 through December 31, 1960, 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 other classes of employees in the SEC.

EEOICP claims based on the new SEC class will be reviewed by the 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.

For more information about the new SEC class and/or filing a claim, please contact the Ames Laboratory-FWP or the DOL Resource Center:

Ames Laboratory-FWP
toll-free 1-866-282-5818
www.iowafwp.org

DOL Denver Resource Center
toll-free 1-866-540-4977
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