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**ENERGY EMPLOYEE OCCUPATIONAL
ILLNESS PROGRAM ACT OF 2000
42 U.S.C. § 7384**

**SPECIAL EXPOSURE
COHORT PETITIONS**

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RE: ENERGY EMPLOYEES' OCCUPATIONAL ILLNESS
COMPENSATION PROGRAM ACT of 2000
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Under the provisions outlined within EEOICPA Section B and agency "Interim Regulation" Title 42 Code of Federal Regulation (CFR) Part 83, WE petition the members of Congress to approve our "Special Exposure Cohort" status. Retired or existing atomic weapons plant workers performed their scope of work at nuclear facilities such as Portsmouth, Hanford, Rocky Flats, Savannah River, INEEL, Oak Ridge, etc. Since 1986, censored US Department of Energy (DOE) secret chronicles were declassified and released to public domain, the Federal government admitted victims were "put in harm's way" by the DOE / contractor agents without our consent or knowledge. By April 2000, the President's delegates, William (Bill) Richardson (DOE Secretary) and Dr. David Michaels (DOE Assistant Secretary of Environmental Health and Safety), voluntarily assumed liability for their atomic weapons plant caretakers' negligence and abuse that caused death, disease and suffering of untold numbers of victims, their families, and their neighbors. In the line-of-duty, workers were exposed to hazardous chemicals / chemical mixes, uranium hexafluoride, ionizing radiation / radioactive materials, beryllium, asbestos, toxic metals, and other. These toxins are known to cause cancer and other fatal or disabling disease. During the Federal government's orientation meetings and hearings, WE clearly understood that the members of Congress originally had the intent to provide relief. We request that the government officials unconditionally and finally accept responsibility for the "courageous" veterans' death, disease, suffering, and long-term health effects. The EEOICPA regulation should at least entitle all qualified "Special Exposure Cohort" victims to receive the following relief: (1) undisputed, no deductible, lifetime major medical insurance coverage; (2) no deductible prescription drug cards; and (3) a tax-free, lump sum payment that must be adjusted to compensate victims depending on the value placed on death, causation, pain, suffering, back pay, emotional distress, risk, and other since the members of Congress overwhelmingly approved the ACT October 31, 2000. The measure of monetary value was appropriated by the members of Congress who established the nominal sum of \$150,000 for compensatory and punitive damages. Congress, also, stipulated the law would not take effect until July 31, 2001. Twenty-three months after the EEOICPA regulation was enacted, thousands of meritorious claims are prematurely dismissed. Due to the agencies' severe manpower shortage, thousands of other meritorious claims are back-logged with no hope for recognition in a timely manner.

Excerpt obtained from the President's "EXECUTIVE ORDER" (reference: US Federal Registry No. 13179 dated December 7, 2000):

"Thousands of these courageous Americans . . . paid a high price for their service, developing disabling or fatal illnesses as a result of exposure to beryllium, ionizing radiation, and other hazards unique to nuclear weapons production and testing. Too often, these workers were neither adequately protected from, nor informed of, the occupational hazards to which they were

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exposed. Existing workers' compensation programs have failed to provide for the needs of these workers and their families. Federal workers' compensation programs have generally not included these workers. Further, because long latency periods, the uniqueness of the hazards to which they were exposed, and inadequate exposure data, many of these individuals have been unable to obtain State workers' compensation benefits. This problem has been exacerbated by the past policy of the Department of Energy (DOE) and its predecessors of encouraging and assisting DOE contractors in opposing the claims of workers who sought those benefits. This policy has recently been reversed. While the Nation can never fully repay these workers or their families, they deserve recognition and compensation for their sacrifices." -- President William Jefferson Clinton

November 20, 2001. It was not the intent of Congress to seat three DOE contractor employees or others with serious conflict of interests on the agency Advisory Board on Radiation and Workers' Health -- Antonio Andrade, Sally Gadola, Wanda Munn, Larry Elliot Genevieve Roessler, Robert Preston. . . The only peer worker member cannot present qualified credentials. The board is definitely not a balanced or diverse assembly. For instance, Sally Gadola is employed by Oak Ridge Associated Universities. The entity was in contention to receive the NIOSH dose reconstruction contract.

Since July 31, 2001, the DOL has failed to develop a fair, just, and timely process. When the compensation act was overwhelmingly approved by the members of Congress, the application form should have been structured to reflect simple, non-invasive, and easily understood language. Instead, the DOL, HHS, and DOE Secretaries interpret and apply their own meaning. Consequently, meritorious claimants are forced to sustain even more emotional distress and "burden of proof" responsibility. Agency employees are instructed by the President to establish and administer a compassionate forum. At will, the DOL Secretary Elaine Chao and her staff continue to instruct the sickened workers to discover and release privacy act protected records that they already know are destroyed. WE understood that "burden of proof" was assumed by the President and his staff on behalf of the Federal government. During the same public announcement the staff delegated to speak for the President apologized to the victims.

Any occupationally injured claimant who is at risk to develop life-threatening disease is at least entitled to claim compensatory damages. The only unqualified cancer is Chronic Lymphocytic Leukemia which the NIOSH health physic's employees, et.al. assumes is hereditary -- an unfounded opinion. For example, WE are painfully aware too many claimants have already been dismissed who are diagnosed with lung nodules (neoplasms).

The DOL's own Interim Rule 42 CFR Part 81 @ 81.21 clearly informs claimants of

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certain qualifying criteria. According to the BANTAM Medical Dictionary (1990 copyright edition), the definition of neoplasm is: "n. A new and abnormal growth: any *benign or *malignant tumor."

"Cancers requiring the use of NIOSH-IREP (InterActive RadioEpidemiology Program).

(a) DOL will calculate probability of causation for all cancers, except Chronic Lymphocytic Leukemia as provided under @ 81.30, using NIOSH-IREP.

(b) Carcinoma in situ (ICD-9 code 230-234) neoplasms of uncertain behavior (ICD)-9 codes 235-238), and neoplasms of unspecified nature (ICD-9 code 239) are assumed to be malignant, for purposes of estimating probability of causation.

(c) All secondary and unspecified cancers of the lymph node (ICD-9 code 196) shall be considered secondary cancers (cancers resulting from metastasis of cancer from a primary site).

For claims identifying cancers of the lymph node, Table 1 in @ 82.23 provides guidance for assigning a primary site and calculating probability of causation using NIOSH-IREP.

42 CFR Part 81 @ III. Background - Statutory Authority

@ A(3): HHS is to staff the Advisory Board on Radiation and Worker Health and provide it with administrative and other necessary support services. The Board, a federal advisory committee, will advise HHS in implementing the roles under EEOICPA described here.

@ A(4) Finally, HHS is to develop and apply procedures for considering petitions to be added to the Special Exposure Cohort established under EEOICPA by classes of employees. Employees included in the Special Exposure Cohort who have a specified cancer and meet other conditions, as defined by EEOICPA and DOL regulations (66 FR 28948), qualify for compensation under EEOICPA. HHS procedures for considering Special Exposure Cohort petitions are under development. HHS expects to issue these procedures with the next six months." (begin October 5, 2001).

"Special Exposure Cohort" 1999 claimant statement: "The concerned citizens below respectfully request that the legislation introduced to Congress concerning compensation for ill nuclear weapons plant workers be amended as follows.

1. All workers at all nuclear weapons facilities in the United States be covered.
2. Beryllium is not the only metal that will cause disease when lodged in the body. Plutonium is a bone seeker. Medical complications resulting from ingestion or inhalation of all radioactive materials must be covered. These complications include but are not limited to

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precancerous conditions (i.e. chronic atrophic gastritis), neurological diseases, degeneration of the musculoskeleton structure, and problems with the immune system. . ." (November 19, 1999, petitions are attached for reference -- 45 petitioners). -- Terrie Barrie (Craig, Colorado)

This "Special Exposure Cohort" petition was circulated during breaks, lunch periods, and after regular work hours. No work time was used to circulate this petition.

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Randy S. Jewell	1910 Jackson Street Portsmouth, OH 45662	8-23-02
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Gary Lawrence	Richland, WA 99352	8-26-02
Gloria Lawrence (survivors of James Lawrence -- deceased Hanford nuclear worker)		
Gary Lawrence	Richland, WA 99352	8-26-02
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Former Hanford resident / Survivor to father Mr. Whodehouse [Maiden name: Bolden Whodehouse]		
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Vickie Stephens (survivors)		
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Sharon Cowdrey	5491 Weidner Rd Springboro, OH	9-20-02
Anabel Dwyer	1325 Lilac East Lansing, MI 48823	9-20-02
Amber Waldred	1305- 4 th Avenue, #208 Seattle, WA 99801	9-20-02
Gerald Rudolph	1038 Corley Mill Road Lexington, SC 29072	9-20-02
Lisa Crawford	10206 Crosby Rd Harrison, OH	9-21-02

About 5,700 atomic weapons plant workers attended / testified across the Nation during DOE hearings. (Recorded by DOE) Sept 1999 - Feb. 2000

** In August 2001, Gai Oglesbee (DOL Claim No. 544-44-1878 and NIOSH claim No. 548) has released nine video taped Hanford worker/survivor testimonials / historical evidence with her DOL and DOE claimant forms / exhibits.

IN MEMORY OF ROBERT (BOB) E. HIGBEE

Bob Higbee was the Hanford B Plant Operation's Manager and designated area Landlord. In 1989, he was diagnosed with a type of cancer (aggressive melanoma) that had metastasis characteristics. His physicians attempted to save his life when they removed all his left side lymph nodes. A twenty-four inch scare was visible from Bob's arm pit to his groin. Cancer spread throughout his body including his brain. Prior to his management appointment, he functioned as a Nuclear Process Operator (NPO). Bob worked at Hanford for zion years.

Gai Oglesbee (HHS/CDC-NIOSH Claim No. 548) is a victim and EEOICPA claimant. Bob was her Hanford B Plant/WESF manager from June 1987 to November 1991. *Gai's*

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daughter, Carol Rosgen-Rodriguez, (victim/claimant) is diagnosed with the same type of cancer.

By the time Bob was diagnosed, Gai was chronically exposed to a variety of toxins that sickened her such as ionizing radiation/resins, solvents, nitric acid, nitrates, sodium hydroxide, and other chemicals/mixed chemicals. Gai was diagnosed with cancer and other life-threatening medical conditions. Her medical advisors and expert witnesses documented their prognosis. Bob's and Gai's offices were located on the 2nd floor of B Plant under the 3rd floor aqueous makeup area (AMU) where radiation was diluted using chemicals. The contaminants were stored in leaking tanks and basins. The various chemicals were stored on shelves. The container was often damaged. The AMU cement floor above Bob's and Gai's offices were cracked. The offices were often barricaded and decontaminated. Asbestos, radon, and potential beryllium contamination was a chronic personnel exposure problem at B Plant. Other co-workers died after being diagnosed with aggressive cancers. Beryllium disease / sensitivity and disease caused by chemical / mixed chemical exposures is still a controversial issue.

Carol was an unprotected employee who worked at Hanford and Rocky Flats. Many years later and after a co-worker tested positive for beryllium disease and died, only then did the DOE notify Carol she was exposed to known human toxins and needed to be evaluated. After an extensive investigation by the US Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), in January 1992, a Colorado Grand Jury ordered the Rocky Flats closure citing gross violations of environmental and personnel protection laws. Certain DOE and contractor employees were to be indicted.

Before his death, Bob attempted to report safety and health violations. He tried to apologize for his involvement when he relayed his last greeting card message to the group. The card was signed, "Love, Bob." Bob Higbee went home to die in August of 1991 after he became too weak to function in his job capacity. He died Thanksgiving day in November 1991.