This is to notify former employees of the **Ames Laboratory** in Ames, Iowa of federal benefits provided under the Energy Employees Occupational Illness Compensation Program Act (EEOICPA or Act). The EEOICPA provides compensation and medical benefits to workers who became ill as result of their employment at a Department of Energy (DOE) facility involved in the nuclear weapons industry.

There are two different benefit programs—Part B and Part E. In some cases, employees or their survivors are eligible for compensation from both programs.

**Part B**, enacted by Congress on July 31, 2001, compensates current or former employees of DOE, its predecessor agencies, and certain vendors, contractors and subcontractors of DOE. To be eligible, an employee must have sustained a radiological cancer, beryllium sensitivity, chronic beryllium disease or chronic silicosis as a result of exposure to radiation, beryllium, or silica while employed at a covered facility. An employee who qualifies for benefits under Part B may receive a lump-sum payment of up to $150,000 plus medical expenses related to the accepted occupational condition. Qualified survivors are also eligible for the lump sum compensation.

**Part E**, enacted by Congress on October 28, 2004, compensates employees who worked for DOE contractors or subcontractors. To be eligible under Part E, it must be established that exposure to a toxic substance was at least as likely as not a contributing factor in causing, contributing to, or aggravating an employee’s illness and/or death. Part E grants compensation based on a covered employee’s level of impairment and/or years of qualifying wage loss, and provides medical expenses related to the covered illness if the employee developed an illness because of exposure to toxic substances (e.g., radiation, chemicals, biological substances, solvents, acids, metals, etc). Eligible survivors may also receive compensation. If a claim is accepted under Part B, and the employee is also a covered employee under Part E, a presumption is made that the medical condition accepted under Part B is also accepted under Part E.

Former Ames Laboratory employees are also impacted by the designation of the following class of employees as a **Special Exposure Cohort (SEC)** under the Act:

- DOE employees and DOE contractor and subcontractor employees who worked in any area of the Ames Laboratory at Iowa State University during the period from August 13, 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 other classes of employees in the SEC.

Under the Act, Congress established the SEC to allow 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” as defined in the governing regulations and must have worked for a specified period of time 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); or primary cancer of the bile ducts, brain, breast, colon, esophagus, gall bladder, liver (except if cirrhosis or hepatitis B is indicated), ovary, pancreas, pharynx/laryngeal cancer, salivary gland, small intestine, stomach, thyroid or urinary bladder. Please note that any type of cancer can potentially be covered outside of the SEC provisions and under Part E.

If you believe that you or a family member may be eligible for benefits under the EEOICPA, contact the DOL Denver Resource Center, 8758 Wolff Court, Suite #101, Westminster, Colorado 80031 by writing, visiting, or calling toll free 1-866-540-4977. The resource center will provide additional information regarding the Act and will assist you with filing a claim.

U.S. Department of Labor Denver Resource Center

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