This is to notify former employees of the Burlington Atomic Energy Commission Plant (BAECP) Line 1/Division B at the Iowa Army Ammunition Plant (IAAP) in Middletown, Iowa of Federal benefits provided under the Energy Employees Occupational Illness Compensation Program Act (EEOICPA or Act). The EEOICPA provides federal benefits to individuals who suffered illnesses as a result of their employment at a Department of Energy (DOE) facility where nuclear weapons were developed, tested, or produced.

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 DOE 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 IAAP employees are also impacted by the recent designation of the following class of employees as a **Special Exposure Cohort (SEC)** under the Act:

Employees of the Department of Energy (DOE) or DOE contractors or subcontractors employed by the Iowa Army Ammunition Plant, Line 1/Division B, during the period from March 1949 through 1974 and who were employed for a number of work days aggregating at least 250 work days either solely under this employment or in combination with work days within the parameters (excluding aggregate work day requirements) established for other classes of employees included in the SEC.

AEC Line 1 at IAAP includes Yard C, G and L, Firing Site Area, Burning Field B, and storage sites for pits and weapons including Buildings 73 and 77.
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, by writing and visiting at 8758 Wolff Court, Suite #101, Westminster, Colorado 80031, calling toll free 1-866-540-4977 or visiting our website at www.dol.gov/owcp/energy. The resource center will provide additional information regarding the Act and will assist you with filing a claim.

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