

New SEC Class for Ames Laboratory Former Workers who worked from January 1, 1971 through December 31, 1989

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 February 1, 2018, 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 March 3, 2018:

All U.S. Department of Energy employees, its predecessor agencies, and its contractors and subcontractors who worked in any area of the Ames Laboratory at Iowa State University during the period from January 1, 1971 through December 31, 1989, 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.

Of note, all of the Ames Laboratory SEC classes now cover the total period of August 13, 1942 through December 31, 1989.

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 workdays. 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/central nervous system, breast (male & female), colon/rectal, 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.

- **A claim may also be filed for a cancer other than the specified cancers listed above that has metastasized to the bone, kidney or lung.**
- **If a previous claim was denied because the radiation dose reconstruction determined the probability of causation was less than 50%, the claim may be re-filed due to the new SEC class.**

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

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[SEC Petition Evaluation Report \(11/30/2017\)](#)

[Advisory Board Recommendation on SEC Class \(12/29/2017\)](#)

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