



WHAT IS THE SEC DESIGNATION PROCESS?

The designation process begins with a petition submitted to NIOSH by an employee(s) or their survivor(s), authorized representative(s), or by a labor organization representing the employee(s). NIOSH can also initiate a petition.

- a) NIOSH evaluates the petition to determine if it meets the minimum qualifications for review. If it does, NIOSH completes an evaluation of the petition and forwards the evaluation and the petition to the Advisory Board on Radiation and Worker Health (the Advisory Board) for review. Note: the President appoints the Advisory Board to advise the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) on its activities under EEOICPA.
- b) During one of its regular Advisory Board meetings, the Advisory Board reviews NIOSH's evaluation, hears from the petitioners, and reviews any other information appropriate for the petition.
- c) The Advisory Board submits a recommendation on a new SEC class to the Secretary of HHS.

- d) The Secretary of HHS makes the final decision to add or deny a new class to the SEC based on the recommendation of the Advisory Board and NIOSH's evaluation. The Secretary of HHS issues a designation letter to Congress with the definition of the class within 30 days of receiving the Advisory Board's recommendation.
- e) A new SEC class becomes effective 30 calendar days after Congress receives the Secretary's designation letter.
- f) The Secretary of HHS provides a report to DOL containing the definition of the class and either the addition of the class to the SEC or the result of any action by Congress to reverse or expedite the decision.
- g) Following the identification of a new SEC class, the Department of Labor reviews all affected cases and makes a determination on whether an employee meets the criteria for inclusion in the new class.

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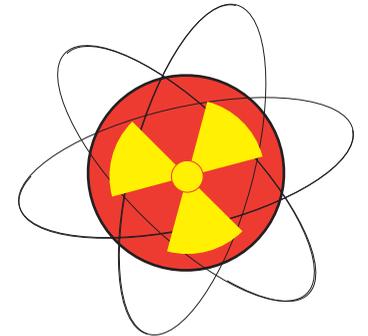
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SPECIAL EXPOSURE COHORT (SEC)

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HOW DO I QUALIFY AS A MEMBER OF A SPECIAL EXPOSURE COHORT CLASS?

A covered DOE, DOE contractor, or AWE employee must have worked for a specific period of time at an SEC work site.

WHAT ARE THE SEC WORK SITES?

EEOICPA originally established four (4) SEC classes, which includes employees who worked at gaseous diffusion plants in Paducah, Kentucky; Portsmouth, Ohio; or Oak Ridge, Tennessee, for a total of at least 250 work days before February 1, 1992 and were monitored for radiation exposure with dosimetry badges or had jobs with similar exposures to those monitored, and employees who worked before January 1, 1974, on Amchitka Island, Alaska, and were exposed to radiation related to the Long Shot, Milrow or Cannikin underground nuclear tests. EEOICPA also authorizes the Secretary of Health and Human Services (HHS) to add other classes of employees to the SEC. A current listing of all SEC work sites can be found at: http://www.dol.gov/owcp/energy/regs/compliance/law/SEC_Employees.html.

PART B: THE 2 PATHS TO COMPENSATION FOR ALL CANCER CLAIMS

1. **Diagnosis of a “specified cancer”, and a sufficient number of work days at one or more Special Exposure Cohort facilities, and satisfaction of any/all other SEC criteria; OR**
2. **Diagnosis of ANY cancer, and probability of causation (PoC) of 50% or higher from radiation dose reconstruction.**

WHAT ARE THE SPECIFIED CANCERS?

- Leukemia (other than chronic lymphocytic leukemia) provided that the onset of the disease was at least two years after the initial exposure.
- Multiple myeloma provided onset was at least 5 years after the initial exposure.
- Lymphomas (other than Hodgkin’s disease) provided onset was at least 5 years after the initial exposure.
- * Primary or secondary cancer of:
 - Bone
 - Renal (kidney)
 - Lung (other than in situ lung cancer that is discovered during or after a post-mortem exam)

- * Primary cancer of: (provided onset was at least 5 years after the initial exposure):
 - Bile ducts
 - Brain (malignancies only)
 - Breast, female and male
 - Colon (including rectum and appendix)
 - Esophagus
 - Gall bladder
 - Liver (except if cirrhosis or hepatitis B is indicated)
 - Ovary
 - Pancreas
 - Pharynx (including the soft palate, base of the tongue, and the tonsils)
 - Salivary glands
 - Small intestine
 - Stomach
 - Thyroid
 - Urinary bladder