

From: Terrie Barrie
Sent: Tuesday, October 24, 2017 12:00 PM
To: DOL Energy Advisory Board Information
Subject: Comment ahead of Santa Fe meeting - Final Circulars 15-05 and 15-06

Dear Dr. Markowitz and Members of the Board:

I wish to thank you for your continued service in assisting DEEOIC improve the compensation program. I am grateful that the board intends to request case files to review the claims examiners' requests to industrial hygienists and contract medical consultants and those experts' reports.

I respectfully suggest that a portion of those case files include workers employed after 1986 who claimed asbestos related diseases as well as workers employed after 1995 for other toxic exposures.

While DEEOIC has rescinded the post-1995 final circular, I am unsure whether the IH and/or CMC are incorporating the Board's recommendation in their reports. And while DEEOIC has not formally accepted or rejected the recommendation on asbestos related diseases, I am concerned with the attached development letter. In part the IH states,

Concerning Mr. [REDACTED] exposures to asbestos, we accept that he was exposed as follows:

- For the period of employment between [REDACTED] 1996 and [REDACTED] 2002, we accept that Mr. [REDACTED] was potentially exposed to asbestos, but the extent of those exposures did not likely surpass established occupational safety and health standards.

I am particularly concerned with the phrase "did not likely surpass". After a brief internet search I found this document which shows, on page 29, that there was a violation of asbestos standards.

<http://permalink.lanl.gov/object/tr?what=info:lanl-repo/lareport/LA-13633-ENV>

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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