

From: [D'Lanie Blaze](#)
To: [DOL Energy Advisory Board Information](#)
Subject: Fwd: Liquid Metals
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Attachments: [EES_JOB_DESCRIPTIONS_REDACTED.pdf](#)
[DAR_REDACTED_PROPULSION.pdf](#)

Hello ~

CORE Advocacy routinely submits official Job Descriptions to Paragon for inclusion to the SSFL Area IV, Canoga, and DeSoto SEM databases. It is accepted that SSFL, Canoga, and DeSoto were operated by the same DOE-contractor and populated by workers who rotated between the three facilities, but currently Paragon does not assume that Job Descriptions are consistent or applicable between the worksites. In 2018, Paragon removed "Propulsion" and "Liquid Metals" Mechanics from the SSFL Area IV SEM database, altogether.

It is my understanding that the decision was based primarily on Boeing's assertions, and that the contractor was not required to produce documentation to support the deletion of information that had already been thoroughly vetted before its initial inclusion. The decision to remove the information conflicts with site history, literature published by DOE and its contractors, and verified employment records that establish EEOICPA eligibility.

Please email the correspondence below, with attachments, to all Board Members immediately. In addition, please post to the web site before April's meetings / public comments. I will follow up with more detailed comments regarding this important issue.

Thank you very much for your assistance.

Sincerely,

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Begin forwarded message:

From: D'Lanie Blaze <dlanieblaze@gmail.com>
Subject: Re: Liquid Metals
Date: March 14, 2019 at 5:03:21 PM PDT

To: Gary Morris <morris.gary@paragontechsvcs.org>
Cc: Terrie Barrie <tbarrieawag@gmail.com>, "Vance, John - OWCP" <vance.john@dol.gov>

Hi, Gary —

I hope this e-mail finds you well. Thank you for your latest response. Please find two attachments for SEM review and possible addition:

Job Descriptions: SSFL Area IV / Canoga Facility: Mechanic Instrumentation & Standards (Senior) / Tech., Instrumentation & Standards / Eng. Spec.

Please note that I have included a redacted Boeing EE-5 Response showing that these job titles were relevant at Canoga and SSFL Area IV. In addition, I included the EEOICPA Case ID Number so that you can verify the information came from a Document Acquisitions Request (DAR) supplied by Boeing.

Job Description: Area IV Propulsion Mechanic

The Job Title of “Propulsion Mechanic” was associated with Area IV DOE-contractor employees. I have included a redacted Boeing EE-5 Response showing that the Employee performed his job duties at SSFL Area IV Building 4066 (SNAP), as a Senior Propulsion Test Inspector. EEOICPA eligibility policy states that any employee of North American Aviation (Atomics International / Rocketdyne) or its corporate successors who can provide documentation of Area IV employment may be eligible for EEOICPA. It is accepted that only DOE conducted work in Area IV, and any DOE-contractor [employee] who was present inside Area IV, in the performance of job duties, was there to work for DOE. As the SNAP Program was funded by DOE, NAA personnel who participated in SNAP (Area IV) may be eligible for EEOICPA. Based on worker records and eligibility policy, this should include those Propulsion Mechanics who are documented Area IV workers.

It is likely that I can find more DAR / EE-5 Responses like this, if that may be helpful.

It takes great effort and solid documentation to justify the addition of information to the SEM (rightfully so). It follows that even more documentation would be required in order to justify the removal of information, because conflicting documentation would need to be thoroughly investigated. However, it is my understanding that Propulsion Mechanics were removed from SEM based on Boeing’s assertion that Boeing did not engage in DOE-propulsion work at SSFL. Such a statement would be 100% true; by 1996 when Boeing took over site operations, all such work had ended.

Boeing’s predecessors (NAA) engaged in DOE-funded programs that involved Propulsion Mechanics. This is evidenced by literature that has been published about the programs (by DOE and its contractors), as well as by the worker records that are verified and submitted by Boeing (attached).

I strongly believe this Job Title belongs in the SEM based on site history and established policy. SSFL presents unique challenges to all of us, and it is a

privilege to continue to learn more about the site. It's in that spirit that I submit the attached documents for review by SEM.

As always, thank you for the time and effort on behalf of workers affiliated with SSFL, Canoga, and DeSoto. It's a privilege to contribute to the database, whenever possible.

Thanks again.

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On Mar 5, 2019, at 1:36 PM, Gary Morris <morris.gary@paragontechsvcs.org> wrote:

Dear Ms. Blaze:

Thank you for your letter concerning the Propulsion Systems/Liquid Metals Research Technician/Mechanic labor category or labor categories.

As we indicated in our reply of August 8, 2018, DOL does not have any evidence indicating that propulsion system work occurring at the SSFL was funded by DOE.

We appreciate your efforts to utilize Boeing terminology in the adjudication of DEEOIC claims and we understand that Boeing may have used various terms for labor categories across its various business lines.

At this time, we have no evidence that DOE funded propulsion work and absent that, propulsion work cannot be added to the Area IV SEM profile.

Thanks again for contacting us.

Gary Morris
SEM Site Administrator

From: D'LANIE BLAZE [<mailto:dlanieblaze@gmail.com>]
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To: Gary Morris <morris.gary@paragontechsvcs.org>
Subject: Liquid Metals
Importance: High

Hi, Gary ~

I hope you are well. As you know, I remain concerned about the decision to remove Propulsion Mechanics from the SEM. I would like to continue efforts to restore the Job Title to the database, for SSFL workers.

I filed a FOIA for records of correspondence related to the removal of "Propulsion Mechanics." In review of the responsive documents, it appears that Job Descriptions retrieved from SSFL Area IV employee DARs might have created some confusion. Namely, the word "Propulsion" seems to have been interpreted by DEEOIC / SEM to apply exclusively to aviation-related (NASA) programs at SSFL. In addition, the term "Liquid Metals Mechanic" appears to have also been applied to non-DOE work, outside Area IV.

We continue to see DAR Records for Area IV Propulsion Mechanics and Liquid Metals Mechanics, who participated in DOE programs.

LIQUID METALS ENGINEERING CENTER - IN 1966, the Liquid Metals Engineering Center (LMEC) formed in the 90-acre portion of Area IV that eventually became known as the Energy Technology Engineering Center (ETEC). If you guys see references to "Liquid Metals" in Job Descriptions, it is likely a safe bet to presume a reference to LMEC / ETEC work, which would be DOE and Area IV. https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Energy_Technology_Engineering_Center

PROPULSION - Rockwell International has published information about propulsion technology that was created by NASA, which was applicable in several DOE programs undertaken at SSFL Area IV. These included molten salt research, liquid metals engineering projects, coal gasification, SNAP, steam generators, K-Pak, etc.

I believe that we are selling the workers short, if we fail to understand that the word "Propulsion" was not exclusive to aviation-related programs or projects. Propulsion concepts had wide applications, and

they were commonly used in DOE-research at SSFL Area IV.

Would it help if I submitted documentation authored by Boeing's predecessor contractors, illustrative of propulsion technology used by DOE at SSFL Area IV / ETEC / LMEC?

As always, thank you for your help on all things SEM / SSFL.

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