

The Director of the Division of Energy Employees Occupational Illness Compensation issues a statement regarding the National Day of Remembrance for Nuclear Weapons Program Workers

WASHINGTON – Rachel P. Leiton, Director of the Division of Energy Employees Occupational Illness Compensation (DEEOIC), part of the U.S. Department of Labor’s Office of Workers’ Compensation Programs, issues the following statement regarding the October 30, 2018, National Day of Remembrance for Nuclear Weapons Program Workers:

“October 30, 2018, marks the National Day of Remembrance for Nuclear Weapons Program Workers. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the nuclear weapons program workers for the contributions and sacrifices they and their families made during the building of this country’s nuclear weapons program. The jobs these workers performed exposed them to great risk and we can never thank them enough for the sacrifices they and their families made in support of the United States. I encourage all nuclear weapons program workers who became ill as a result of their workplace exposure to apply for benefits under the Energy Employees Occupational Illness Compensation Program Act (EEOICPA). It is our hope that the compensation the EEOICPA provides lessons some of the burdens workers may be facing.”

To assist individuals regardless of where they live, DEEOIC has established 11 stationary Resource Centers located nationwide that provide an initial point-of-contact for individuals interested in filing a claim under the EEOICPA. Resource Center staff provide assistance both in-person and over the telephone. For a listing of each Resource Center or to obtain additional information about how to file a claim under the EEOICPA, call toll-free at (866) 888-3322 or visit DEEOIC’s website at: <https://www.dol.gov/owcp/energy/>.