

News Release

U.S. Department of Labor to Host Town Hall for Current And Former Nuclear Weapons Workers in Amarillo, Texas

AMARILLO, TX – The U.S. Department of Labor's Joint Outreach Task Group will host a town hall in Amarillo, Texas, on December 5, 2019, to discuss the benefits available to current and former nuclear weapons workers from covered facilities, and their families, under the Energy Employees Occupational Illness Compensation Program Act. The task group includes representatives from the U.S. Department of Labor, the U.S. Department of Energy, the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health, and the Department's Office of the Ombudsman. Each representative will provide information on their roles in the program.

WHAT: Outreach Event on Energy Employees Occupational Illness Compensation Program Act Benefits

WHERE: Homewood Suites by Hilton
8800 I-40 West
Amarillo, TX 79124

WHEN: Thursday, December 5, 2019
Presentation: 9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. CDT
Staff availability: 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. CDT
1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. CDT

"The U.S. Department of Labor encourages all former nuclear weapons workers and their families living in Texas to attend this event and learn more about the benefits they may be entitled to under the Energy Employees Occupational Illness Compensation Program Act," said Division of Energy Employees Occupational Illness Compensation Director Rachel P. Leiton. "Interested individuals can either file a claim at the event or obtain information about existing claims."

Covered facilities in the state of Texas include:

- AMCOT
- Medina Modification Center

- Pantex Plant
- Sutton, Steele and Steele Co.
- Texas City Chemicals Inc.
- Uranium Mill in Falls City

[Search a list of covered facilities.](#)

This event is open to the public. Staff will assist with questions, claims status, and claims filing. Services are available on a first-come, first-serve basis. To learn more or schedule a claim-filing appointment, call the Espanola Resource Center at 866-272-3622.

[The Energy Employees Occupational Illness Compensation Program Act](#) provides lump-sum compensation and medical benefits to current and former nuclear weapons workers whose illness is the result of working in the nuclear weapons industry. The program has paid more than \$378 million in compensation and medical benefits to claimants living in Texas, and more than \$16.9 billion nationwide.

The mission of the Department of Labor is to foster, promote, and develop the welfare of the wage earners, job seekers, and retirees of the United States; improve working conditions; advance opportunities for profitable employment; and assure work-related benefits and rights.

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