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February 15, 2005

SEC Petition Office of Compensation Analysis and Support NIOSH 4676 Columbia Parkway, MS-C-47 Cincinnati, OH 45226

Dear NIOSH Office of Compensation Analysis and Support,

Enclosed please find our original and official Special Exposure Cohort Petition, Form B, and all relevant supporting documentation. This represents our official submittal under law and through the NIOSH Office of Compensation Analysis and Support as required.

Please call to confirm receipt of this document at 303-278-4557. If you have any questions or require additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me at the above number.

Respectfully,

Anthony W. DeMaiori

President

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Special Exposure Cohort Petition

under the Energy Employees Occupational Illness Compensation Act

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services

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October 16 2004

To Whom It May Concern:

The purpose of this letter is to convey facts relevant to the radiation exposure dosimeter program formerly in place at the Rocky Flats Nuclear Weapons Facility/

From , until sometime in the latter part of that same year, I was assigned to in Building During said time, my duties included the

where radiation dose rates of workers were assessed and recorded. During this period of time, the style of dosimeter badges resembled a "tray" with small compartments used to hold components of each workers badge in place. These trays were disassembled and reassembled on a regular basis and contained a small lithium chip that measured approximately 1/8 to 1/4 of an inch square. These chips were removed from the badges by dosimeter personnel for assessment in an instrument. Because the chips were so small, it required workers to use tweezers to remove the chips. This action often resulted in damage or complete loss of the chip because it would dislodge itself from the end of the tweezers and land in the room. Chips were also lost during the disassembly of badges as components would dislodge themselves and fall to the floor during this process as well. Most of the workers could not find these chips after they had fallen, so the actual dose rate associated with the badge being counted was completely lost. Each day, when I would this room, the workers would sift through the dirt and remove these crystals.

They would usually find between 6 and 12 crystals per day. If these crystals were still in good shape, they would be discharged and reused. These crystals were never evaluated for the dose they had been exposed to because they had no way of knowing which crystal belonged to which radiation worker. There were also several instances where as a crystal was being read, the foreman of the group would advise the dosimeter worker that the dose shown was too high to possibly be correct, and the worker was advised to change or delete the reading Often times, for unknown reasons, chips were soaked in alcohol prior to being read.

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INTEROFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

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FROM:

adiation Protection, Bldg. 750, X6629

SUBJECT:

LIFETIME DOSE-EMITATION AND NEUTRON DOSE RECONSTRUCTION -

MTS-193-94

It was recently determined that neutron doses may have been under-reported or possibly over-reported for certain individuals who were hired prior to Process workers who were exposed to neutrons may not have been monitored for neutrons from In addition, the neutron film used to monitor employees in the late 1950's and early 1960's may not have been read properly, thereby either missing some neutron exposure or reporting more neutron exposure than was actually received. The issue appears to be limited to neutron exposures prior to

As a result of these uncertainties, Radiological Health will need to perform dose reconstructions for process workers potentially exposed to neutrons prior to At this time, the effort will be concentrated on those individuals who worked on the chemical process lines in Building since the processes in that building resulted in the highest neutron doses.

You were identified as a candidate for a dose reconstruction because you were hired prior to , and you are believed to have worked in Building As the first step in the dose reconstruction process, Radiological Health requires additional information regarding the type of work you performed prior to Attachment 1 is a work history questionnaire. Please fill out the questionnaire in as much detail as possible, and mail it or deliver it to Radiological Health in Building 123.

Attachment 2 is a brief synopsis of this neutron issue, how it was discovered, and the actions Radiation Protection is taking so that your radiation exposure records reflect your exposure to neutrons as accurately as possible.

In addition to the dose reconstructions necessary to correct your exposure records, Radiation Protection has implemented a Lifetime Control Level, as specified in the Department of Energy Radiological Control Manual, Article 212. The Lifetime Control Level is N rem, where N is your age in years. For example, if you are 50 years old, your Lifetime Control Level would be 50 rem. When you become 51 years old, your Lifetime Control Level becomes 51 rem. If your dose is greater than your Lifetime Control Level, you will have an

EG&G ROCKY FLATS, INC., ROCKY FLATS PLANT, P.O. BOX 464, GOLDEN, COLORADO 86402-6464 (303) 968-7000

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administrative control level of 100 mrem total effective dose equivalent (internal plus external) additional exposure per year, until your lifetime dose fails below your Lifetime Control Level. If your lifetime dose is below your Lifetime Control Level, you will be allowed to receive up to the EG&G Rocky Flats, Inc., Administrative Control Level (also called Administrative Dose Guideline), currently set at 750 mrem per year.

Your lifetime dose through the end of the Second Quarter is calculated to be rem. This dose includes all of the penetrating dose received at Rocky Flats plus the internal dose based on lung counts and urinalysis data. The additional "missing" neutron dose is estimated to be 15.868 rem. Your total lifetime dose, including the estimated neutron dose is rem. Your lifetime dose exceeds your Lifetime Control Level of rem, therefore, you are limited to mrem per year additional exposure.

If you have further questions, please contact M. R. Prochownik for assistance. Mike can be reached at Extension 5853.

SCB:cmk

Attachments: As Stated

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F. J Furman Health Physics File Supervisor United Steelworkers of America AFL CIO CLC Local Union 8031 P.O. Box 745370 Arvada, Colorado 80006-5370

Dear Steelworkers;

IN response to your letter of July 22, 2003 I can offer the following information:

I have never heard of cancer being caused from Radiologeal exposure. The Doctor that treated me at National Jewish Hospital never discussed these diseases with me.

In I was in an explosion that shattered the enclosure from the mixing tube which contained Plutonium Nitrate and 50% Hydrogen Peroxide. The explosion was caused by the refrigeration equipment not controlling the heat from the mixture.

I spent a week at the First Aid Station at Rocky Flats because my body was so contaminated. When I went home I carried sheets and pillow cases with me and returned them the next day. At this time all feces and urine were collected and tested.

John Mann an engineer at the first aid station worked around the clock to design a body counter, this being the first in the United States. I don't know what the readings were on the cantamination of my body at this time.

In May of this year (2003) I had my latest body count and still show 12 body burdens in the chest area, consequently I take Colchicine twice daily and will need it the rest of my life. This is in replacement of the Prednisone I had taken previously until Dr. Newman of National Jewish Hospital said I shouldnt take any more of it.

The protective gear I wore at that time was white coveralls and safety glasses. The explosion was so great it blew the safety glasses off my face. I don't know what happened to the fill badge.

The operation I was doing with Plutonium Nitrate and Peroxide was to precipitate the Plutonium from the liquid. This was in a dry box and never required any other protective equipment.

YOMES. Truly.

Worker Testimony Letters

We have included the following letters as relevant testimony from a just a handful of our workers who have either had their doses inaccurately reported, had unmonitored exposures or have contracted cancer after receiving plutonium exposure from Rocky Flats. These letters are included as part of our petition. The United Steelworkers of America, Local 8031 has received numerous letters and verbal statements from its membership in relation to their jobs, their work experiences, exposures they may have received, and their current health. Listed below is a summary of some of the letters we have received as well as a photocopy of the original letters.

- A chemical operator in / was involved in an explosion resulting in an exposure
 to plutonium nitrate and 50 percent hydrogen peroxide. The only protective clothing he
 had on was white coveralls and safety glasses. He spent a week in medical and never
 knew the levels of contamination on his body. However his last body count in 2003
 showed 12-body burdens.
- An who worked in Buildings ind X-rayed pits and other nuclear materials in high radiation areas. He wore a lead apron and gloves. The dosimetry badge was required to be worn under the lead apron. He now has cancer of the esophagus.
- A ______ who worked in Buildings and was exposed to high radiation areas and never wore respiratory protection when handling parts. In fact, they used to eat and drink in their work areas. He now has cancer in the nasal pharynx, which then went into the lymph nodes of his neck. These exposures were unmonitored and unrecorded.
- A handyman working in was informed that the trailer he was in charge of became contaminated. He did not wear a dosimeter or any respiratory protection while working in this area. He was later asked to submit a fecal sample a year after the event. The sample was sent to an off site subcontractor laboratory and the results invalidated by Internal Dosimetry. This is another example of unmonitored exposure.
- worker was exposed to very high radiation level packages of plutonium oxides, salts, americium, etc. and was often required to wear double lead aprons and 60 or even 90 mil leaded gloves, yet he still had numerous "No Current Data Available" dosimeter badge reports. So his exposure was going unrecorded After being sent to a low-level exposure job at the solar ponds he was informed that he had received a positive inhalation and that it must have come from his days as a worker in
- An employee describes how certain contamination events would require the removal of
 clothing and how these events would not be recorded. He also describes that radiation
 was coming through a wall where he hung his dosimeter. He has been diagnosed with a
 an exceedingly rare form. He also reports having
 met a former Rocky Flats guard who has the same form of tumor. Efforts are being
 made to track down the former guard to obtain information on his work history.

The USWA, Local 8031 reserves the right to provide additional information beyond that which is included in this petition and in support of our ability to obtain Special Exposure Cohort designation for the Rocky Flats class of workers.

- An employee describes his experiences with both the Building and ess. He
 also presents a list of people that he has worked with that has either died of cancer or has
 had cancer.

United Steelworkers of America, Local 8031 P.O. Box 745370 Arvada, CO 80006-5370 ATTN: Anthony W. DeMaiori

RE: Energy Employees Occupational Illness Compensation Program Act of 2000

Dear Tony:

In response to your letter dated July 22, 2003, I am retired from Rocky Flats after years and have been diagnosed with cancer of the larynx (Esophagus).

Most of the time at Rocky Flats i worked in As an Tech, I spent a large portion of my time x-raying pits and other nuclear materials in and suildings and shelf studies of pits in building. When working with high-radiation producing items we were required to wear lead aprons and gloves. From approximately while x-raying the product we were required to wear our dosimetry badges under the lead aprons and gloves. My cancer is in an area left unprotected by the aprons.

Also, it was a very common occurrence that my dosimetry (especially the film badge) readings did not match my job duties. Some exchange periods when I had no or very little exposure would read higher than times when I was exposed every day. I was aware of high exposure times because we were required to wear radiation detectors or alarms - we called them chirpers. The chirpers chirped faster when you were getting more exposure. Production was quite heavy at that time and I felt management played with the numbers to keep techs working in the higher radiation areas and not rotating in people that needed some training. Over the years, my film badge exchange area did not always match up with my assigned work area.

Also and raildings had a very high incidence of radon gas. We techs would frequently lose our protective clothing when leaving our work area. The Health Physics monitors would attribute it to radon gas. At this time, it was not easy to tell the difference between Pu contamination and radon gas. In some radon readings were taken in xuilding (after some possible contamination problems) and it was found to have very high levels of radon.

If you need any more information or have more information for me, please contact me.

Very truly yours,

I worked at Rocky Flats from until

Most of my time was spent in building and At no time

did we wear protective equipment other than white coveralls in

building

I worked as a in the storage area where uranium parts were stored. It was a high radiation area. The whole building was considered "high radiation". We never wore a half mask when storing or handlilng parts, or at any time.

We used to eat and drink in our work area.

Building where I worked for several years, was also a high radiation area. Again, the only protective equipment we wore were white coveralls.

There were stacks of uranium ingots. Our work area was where the ingots were received and stored.

We took precautions to not contaminate the trailers as we loaded, but no precautions were taken to protect ourselves, such as a half mask or in some cases a full face mask, were never, worn to protect against the oxidation dust and whatever else was floating around. Incidentally, my TLD readings were alwys the same (within the acceptable limits). I have copies if needed.

As a result of my years in these two buildings, 1 year after I retired I was diagnosed with cancer in the ____ which went into the ____ in my neck.

I hope this will help. All the information on my cancer is in my medical records. If more information is needed I will be glad to furnish what I ca.

Judy Yeater

RE: Paragraph explaining exposure incident

From 1 tc , I worked in the On.

I was informed that ad radioactive contamination throughout the trailer at which time I filed a report with my supervisor. On I had a request to submit a fecal sample (one year after incident) and dosimetry sent my sample off site to a subcontractor and the results dosimetry received back were refused.

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INTEROFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

DATE:

November 16, 1993

TO:

FROM:

D. J. Walraven, Internal Dosimetry, Bldg. 123, X6182

SUBJECT:

USE OF SUBCONTRACTOR BIOASSAY DATA - DJW-031-93

This letter is to update you on the status of the bioassay samples that you submitted as a personal request on Due to extended down-time of the Analytical Laboratory located in Building 123, your fecal samples were sent to a subcontractor laboratory for analysis. The results from the subcontractor laboratory did not meet all of the acceptance criteria established by Radiological Health and therefore will not be used as valid data.

At this time, we do not have any valid data on which to evaluate your personal request case. Therefore, we would like to offer you the option of resubmitting fecal samples. Although your original request was made on the fecal samples you submit today can still provide some useful information. The samples that you resubmit will either be analyzed onsite or at a different offsite laboratory.

Keep in mind that the decision to submit personal request bioassay samples is yours, and you may choose not to submit any additional samples. If you do not submit any additional fecal samples, then your personal request case will be closed and no further follow-up will be required.

Please let me know if you intend to resubmit fecal samples. We can prepare the bioassay kits and sample submission cards for you. If you have any questions about your case, please contact me at Extension 6182 or S. C. Baker, Manager of Internal Dosimetry, at Extension 7439.

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Health Physics File Internal Dosimetry

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MEMORANDUM

A. Goods Engineering Group Company

DATE: 8/31/03

TO: United Steel Workers of America, Local 8031

FROM:

SUBJECT: Special Cohort Status

I was hired on as a	I had numerous "No Current Data
Available" badge reports from my older style	(with the badge attached) while working in the production side
of the building as well as NDA. I worked in	i from
to about? and then was assigned to	when I transferred to the Solar
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lines in the building. I also transferred material to	molten salts in movement of material to security vaults
ir and 3. and packaged material for sh	ipment around plant site in the 10 gallon drums. This job had a
very high rad dose for my TLD and came back ofte	en as No Current Data Available on my report. When this
happened management moved me for a week or tw	to to a lower rad area (ie. then back out to the
staging job. Before I transferred out of the job to a	lower rad job, Management required me to wear double lead
aprons and 60 or even 90 mil lead gloves to stage a	nd transport material to the areas. My TLD's, at times, still came
back as No Current Data Available.	
I started work at the	and involved running equipment to fill tri-wall boxes with
cement and sludge from the solar ponds. The ponds	s had a variety of chemicals and low level radioactive waste that
had accumulated in them since the Our PP	E consisted of the white cotton coveralls and leather or rubber
gloves. Half mask respirators were not required to l	be worn but were available if the worker chose to wear them.
The process created dust as the Pond Crete dried an	d had "normal" dust associated from being outside. Workers
routinely washed small spills of Pond Crete and slu	dge out of the building and process area back into pond 207A.
I received a lung burden while at the ponds and after	er investigation, management said I received it in I
have always thought it strange why my lung count	was clean from roduction days and then suddenly had a
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Sincerely:

United Steelworkers of America Local 8031 PO Box 745370 Arvada, CO 80006-5370

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To Whom It May Concern:

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all got cancer and died. I met at Dr. Schafer's office while he and I were taking chemotherapy for cancer and I know it was from working at Rocky Flats.

If you don't believe that, go to any Nuclear Weapons plant and walk around while the alarms go off and not know what amount of radiation you absorbed either internally or externally. If the alarms went off, you could be exposed if the contamination went from you to the alarm. We were guinea pigs. Working with a respirator on for hours you could dump the liquid out of the respirator. Does it seal as good? Who knows? You could bump your respirator while cleaning pipes overhead for an hour and breathe some plutonium.

I am also giving you some of the records of my contamination. These are the contaminations that needed to be decontaminated at medical. Many other times contamination was washed off in the building and you weren't sent to medical. A lot of people exposed to plutonium got cancer.

We were also exposed to Carbon Tetrachloride, Perchlorethylene, Trichlorethylene, and many other chemicals and metals.

Next, take a look at what my cancer looks like. I also had out of were cancerous.

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This is a letter I wrote to: Office of Worker Advocacy (EH-8)

Office of Environment, Safety and Health
U.S. Department of Energy

Room IG080

1000 Independence Ave., SW

Washington, DC 20585

I want to give you some of my background working at Rocky Flats, Colorado.

I started employment in ____ nd was immediately involved in radiation. I had to move building to what was old ailding but it has a new number now. In moving these drums back and forth I was exposed to a lot of radiation, in fact health physics told me not to go in uilding anymore. They thought it was necessary for me uilding even though my film badge was over the limit for exposure. The radiation involved was gamma and neutrons. I was involved in a fire in where 50 mil gloves burned and fell off on the floor from a highly plutonium contaminated box. We had to clean everything in the room from ceiling to floor. Using a half-mask respirator while working we couldn't spit or even remove our respirators even if they had a lot of liquid in them. If we coughed we had to swallow what we coughed up from our lungs. I went to a room that was called the snake pit that was the most contaminated place on earth. They had Nash Pumps that leaked plutonium contaminated liquid on the floor and then it would dry and could be airborne. Try wearing a half-mask respirator for a couple of hours at a time.

I became a and was involved in the most serious plutonium contamination at Rocky Flats; it was the fire in ouilding that was the most expensive fire in the U.S.A. I was one of the first monitors to arrive at the Flats. It was Mothers day and I had to quit my dinner so I could go out to help. I was one of the first persons to come out and the first one to check out and the laundry to see if contamination got that far. We sent firemen in the highly contaminated rooms to put out the fire. The firemen went in with survive air packs that constantly needed to be changed. It was our job to make sure that the contaminated firemen wouldn't be exposed to internal plutonium contamination and we did our job wearing a half-mask respirator.

I worked in building many times, and they had an entry where you had to undress the workers who were in supplied air. It was like a dry box highly contaminated with plutonium. In the entry, they stored clothing but it became

contaminated so many times that it was moved from this area. This is where the monitors undressed the workers using a half-mask respirator.

Most of job the monitors got was dangerous and that was our job to protect all who worked in the process areas. We had all kinds of alarms, fire alarms, gamma alarms, neutron alarms, dry box alarms, alarms detecting plutonium in the air called Sams. All the alarms went off at some time or other. In fact, one time a gamma alarm went off and a man fell down in trying to escape to the outside of the building and was walked over by others trying to escape. If a Sam alarm went off it was after the fact, and you could be exposed to radiation like the Sam was. Doctor Dr. Dennis Clifford said all the workers he saw as patients from Rocky Flats had high blood pressure.

I haven't smoked or chewed any tobacco products or drank any alcohol beverages for 40 years.

Now being in a half-mask respirator, and couldn't spit, so you swallowed what you coughed up and it could have some contamination. Everyone I know that worked in the processing area's had some internal contamination. I had body counts that came up positive. They checked your lungs in the body counter and nothing else except urine samples so you could have some radiation in your colon or stomach.

The following are some of the people I worked with that died of Cancer or Beryllium Disease. All of these people worked in the Plutonium area at times. This list is the people who worked the last few years with me in We had about people in the:

It is about 36% of the people died, quite a high percentage. I would hate to see the list of all the people who worked at Rocky Flats that have or died of Cancer.

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MAN NO.

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Present Status of the following who worked in 865 building.

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I am sending a Perspective on the Dangers of Plutonium.

In reading this article, I have come to the conclusion no one can say cancer didn't come from plutonium at Rocky Flats. I had nd removed were cancerous. I was in the hospital for and had to take chemotherapy for a

year. I now have heart failure and attribute this from the stress involved in the Cancer I had.

If you need more information let me know

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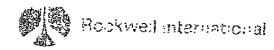
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Internal Letter



August 19, 1981

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Department of Health & Human Services 4676 Columbia Parkway, MS C-45 Cincinnati, OH 45226-1998 SEC Wazz

Dear Sir or Madam,

The Dose Reconstruction process for is in process according to you.

NIOSH tracking Number

In doing so, I believe everyone who got cancer and worked at Rock Flats and in the Phutonium buildings should be recognized that the cancer was Rocky Flats born. I am sending you some of my exposures of plutonium that can't be detected by your reconstruction of dose. Many times you just went and washed off the contamination in the building and it was not reported. Booties were thrown away that were over 20,000 count per minute in 771 building and I threw a lot of them away. That was the most contaminated building in the USA.

All of the accidents and exposures I am sending to you are documented and you can find them in reports. The contamination listed was after the contamination was washed off in that particular building. The contamination that couldn't be scrubbed off in that building you were sent to medical to complete the decontamination. At medical they used Clorox to scrub the remainder of contamination. Notice, on one occasion 100,000 counts per minute was around my face hands and neck and a nose smear was taken where 60 to 90 d/m was found. Before that I had another nose smear that was around 250 d/m. That meant you breathed some plutonium.

Next question: If you were exposed to the same amount of plutonium would you be positive that your cancer didn't come from Rocky Flats? There is no definite amount of plutonium ingested that determines how cancer is produced. Every body is different like the beryllium testing proved.

Now my cancer hasn't reappeared but you learn to live with some of the side effects you will have forever. You have constant diarrhea because 2 feet of colon and 2 feet of intestines have been removed. And this limits your activities plus other side effects.

While I was working in 771 building the following foremen died of Cancer:

n fact I was taking

chemotherapy at Dr. Schafer's office in the Denver area and met who was also taking chemotherapy. lied a short time later. Just lately, I met

who worked at Rocky Flats who was also was in Dr. Schafer's office with

cancer.

Wearing a respiration for a couple of hours at a time during contamination clean up, or other contaminated work you could dump water out of it. The seal on the respirator could be broken if you bumped it. You couldn't take off your respirator during these times and you swallowed what you coughed up therefore it went into your colon.

As a monitor for ears you were always in the most contaminated areas to make sure the contamination was under control. If the contamination wasn't under control you were still in that area. Monitors were respirators more than any other craft.

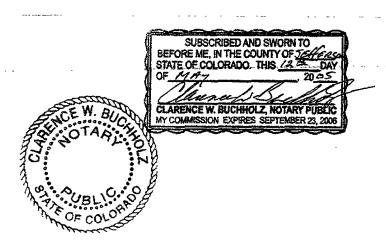
If you have 250 counts per minute of plutonium in your system, an undetectable amount, the results after a year would be 131,400,000 counts. Counts meaning alpha particles and an alpha particle has two neutrons and two protons and does not have any electrons, therefore it is an ion. In the body an ion grabs two electrons from a body cell and kills the cell. If enough of the cells are killed or mutated it can cause cancer. Here is how I came up with the 131,400,000 counts. 250 counts times 60 minutes would be 15,000 counts per hour times 24 hours is 360,000 counts per day times 365 days would be 131,400,000 counts per year. The half-life of plutonium is 24,000 years

Notary Public State of Colorado County of Jefferson Kaien T. Baitleson 9-15-07

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May 12, 2005

In early . I was assigned to due to During my several month stay there, my work duties included breaking down dosimeters to be read and re-assemble once they were counted. Often times when the Thermo Luminescent Dosimeter was being read (which was done by a high heating process) the instrument failed and no readings were available. Once these TLDs were heated to a certain temperature, they came out zeroed, so essentially no dose could accurately be reconstructed. When I asked how he handled that, he told me that he applied a "Fudge Factor" to assess dose. Another of my duties was to disassemble wrist dosimeters and count the Lithium crystals inside for neutron dose. The process involved removing the crystals under florescent lights, using tweezers, then dipping the crystals in Ethel Alcohol before placing them in the counters to be counted. Often times the crystals were dropped on the floor and broken, so that only a small piece of the crystal was counted. My i from the Rocky Flats Occupational Medical Department clearly restricted me from being around Ethel Alcohol, which the company ignored, when they assigned me to Dosimetry.



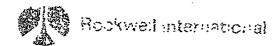
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To Whom It May Concern:

The purpose of this letter is to convey facts relevant to the radiation exposure dosimeter program formerly in place at the Rocky Flats Nuclear Weapons Facility/

From. until sometime in the latter part of that same year, I was assigned to janitorial duties in Building 123. During said time, my duties included the cleaning of the room where radiation dose rates of workers were assessed and recorded. During this period of time, the style of dosimeter badges resembled a "tray" with small compartments used to hold components of each workers badge in place. These trays were disassembled and reassembled on a regular basis and contained a small lithium chip that measured approximately 1/8 to 1/4 of an inch square. These chips were removed from the badges by dosimeter personnel for assessment in an instrument. Because the chips were so small, it required workers to use tweezers to remove the chips. This action often resulted in damage or complete loss of the chip because it would dislodge itself from the end of the tweezers and land in the room. Chips were also lost during the disassembly of badges as components would dislodge themselves and fall to the floor during this process as well. Most of the workers could not find these chips after they had fallen, so the actual dose rate associated with the badge being counted was completely lost. Each day, when I would sweep the floor in this room, the workers would sift through the dirt and remove these crystals. They would usually find between 6 and 12 crystals per day. If these crystals were still in good shape, they would be discharged and reused. These crystals were never evaluated for the dose they had been exposed to because they had no way of knowing which crystal belonged to which radiation worker. There were also several instances where as a crystal was being read, the foreman of the group would advise the dosimeter worker that the dose shown was too high to possibly be correct, and the worker was advised to change or delete the reading Often times, for unknown reasons, chips were soaked in alcohol prior to being read.

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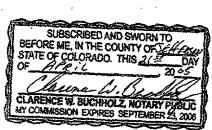
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I worked as a in the nere uranium parts were stored. It was a high radiation area. The whole building was considered "high radiation". We never wore a half mask when or or at any time.

We used to eat and drink in our work area.

Building where I worked for several years, was also a high radiation area. Again, the only protective equipment we wore were white coveralls.

There were stacks of uranium ingots. Our where the ingots were received and stored.

We took precautions to not contaminate the trailers as we loaded, but no precautions were taken to protect ourselves, such as a half mask or in some cases a full face mask, were never, worn to protect against the oxidation dust and whatever else was floating around. Incidentally, my TLD readings were always the same (within the acceptable limits). I have copies if needed.

As a result of my years in these two buildings, fter I retired I was diagnosed with which which

I hope this will help. All the information on my cancer is in my medical records. If more information is needed I will be glad to furnish what I cal.

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ACRONYMS AND ABBREVIATIONS

AMAD - Activity Median Aerodynamic Diameter

CEDE - Cumulative Effective Dose Equivalent

DAC - Derived Air Concentration

D&D - Deactivation and Decommissioning

DNFSB - Defense Nuclear Facility Safety Board

DOE - Department of Energy

EEOICPA - Energy Employees Occupational Illnesses Compensation Program Act

Ge - Geranium

ICRP - International Commission on Radiological Protection

NIOSH - National Institute of Occupational Safety and Health

NDT - Nondestructive Testing

NTA - Nuclear Track Emulsion Type A films

Pu - Plutonium

PUSPS - Plutonium Stabilization and Packaging System

RadCon - Radiation Control Manual

RFETS - Rocky Flats Environmental Technology Site

RV - Reaction vessel

SAAM - Selective Alpha Air Monitor

SEC - Special Exposure Cohort

SS&C - Sand, slag and crucible

TLD - Thermoluminescent dosimeter

TBD - Technical Basis Document

USWA - United Steelworkers of America







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Dear NIOSH Office of Compensation Analysis and Support,

Enclosed please find our original and official Special Exposure Cohort Petition, Form B, and all relevant supporting documentation. This represents our official submittal under law and through the NIOSH Office of Compensation Analysis and Support as required.

Please call to confirm receipt of this document at 303-278-4557. If you have any questions or require additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me at the above number.

Respectfully,

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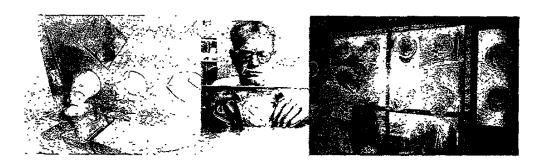
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U.S. Secretary of Health & Human Services & Office of Compensation Analysis and Support National Institute of Occupational Safety and Health 4676 Columbia Parkway, MS-C-47 Cincinnati, OH 45226

Dear Secretary of Health and Human Services and Office of Compensation Analysis and Support,

The United Steelworkers of America (USWA), Local 8031, in good faith submit the accompanying Special Exposure Cohort Petition, Form B, and relevant supporting documentation and attachments in full accordance with 42 CFR Part 83, Procedures for Designating Classes of Employees as Members of the Special Exposure Cohort under Energy Employees Occupational Illness Compensation Program Act of 2000, Final Rule. This petition is submitted on behalf of the dedicated members of USWA, Local 8031, through our right of representation.

Our petition defines a special class of Rocky Flats workers for whom it is not feasible to accurately estimate the radiation dose they received and who have had their health endangered by their exposure to radiation while employed at the U.S. Department of Energy's Rocky Flats site. This Rocky Flats class of workers meets all specifications and requirements for inclusion in the Special Exposure Cohort.

Several factors make an accurate estimation of dose for the Rocky Flats class of workers impossible. Factors, include, but are not limited to, exposure to a unique form of plutonium referred to as high fired oxides or super class Y materials which due to small particle size, insolubility, self-shielding properties, and differences in the way the particles are metabolized by the body make it impossible to accurately assess dose.

In addition, lack of lung counting in the site's early days, failures to measure neutron dose initially and subsequent failures in reading neutron dose films, lack of workplace monitoring and inconsistent procedures for monitoring and dose assessment have also created a situation in which dose can not be accurately reconstructed.

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Finally, as an accelerated closure site, Rocky Flats and all its infrastructure and subject matter experts will be gone as early as October 2005. The closure of Rocky Flats means that personnel engaged in future dose reconstruction will not have access to the institutional knowledge necessary for dose reconstruction and the workers will be left without ongoing recall programs that are instrumental in detecting previously undetected exposures and refining the models used for dose reconstruction.

The people of Rocky Flats have dedicatedly and unselfishly toiled on behalf of the federal government and the citizens of this great land to first make the world safe for democracy through the production of nuclear weapons for the defense of our country and then later make the environment safe for our children through accelerated cleanup and closure. It is only right that now these same people should, if they become ill, be provided medical coverage and compensation as part of the Special Exposure Cohort. We greatly appreciate the opportunity to petition for Special Exposure Cohort on behalf of our members and will be extremely appreciative of your timely designation of our Rocky Flats worker class for Special Exposure Cohort particularly in light of our rapidly approaching closure.

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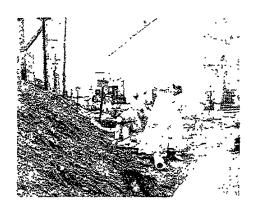




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