

Special Exposure Cohort Petition — Form B

**E Proposed Definition of Employee Class Covered by Petition — Complete Section E.**

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E.2 Locations at the Facility relevant to this petition:  
"LINE ONE" IN ITS ENTIRE SCOPE

E.3 List job titles and/or job duties of employees included in the class. In addition, you can list by name any individuals other than petitioners identified on this form who you believe should be included in this class: P-8-1

E.4 Employment Dates relevant to this petition:

Start \_\_\_\_\_ End \_\_\_\_\_  
Start \_\_\_\_\_ End \_\_\_\_\_  
Start \_\_\_\_\_ End \_\_\_\_\_

E.5 Is the petition based on one or more unmonitored, unrecorded, or inadequately monitored or recorded exposure incidents?  Yes  No

If yes, provide the date(s) of the incident(s) and a complete description (attach additional pages as necessary):

ALL OF ~~PLANT A~~ <sup>AND</sup> PART OF  
ALL OF 1-13 (PLANT B) MANUFACTURE  
OF SEMI-COMPOSITE MARK 6 ALSO  
KNOWN AS "FAT BOY" HANDLED BARE  
HANDED - NO EXPOSURE MONITORING  
EXCEPT FOR BEIGER COUNTERS

**F** Basis for Proposing that Records and Information are Inadequate for Individual Dose —  
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(Attach documents and/or affidavits to the back of the petition form.)

Describe as completely as possible, to the extent it might be unclear, how the attached documentation and/or affidavit(s) indicate that potential radiation exposures were not monitored.

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Describe as completely as possible, to the extent it might be unclear, how the attached documentation and/or affidavit(s) indicate that radiation monitoring records for members of the proposed class have been lost, altered illegally, or destroyed.

NO RADIATION MONITORS RECALLED PAPER  
TO BY THIS WRITER, EXCEPT  
GELG VOLUNTEERS IN ASSEMBLY  
AREA.

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(Attach report to the back of the petition form.)

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Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

8-7-04  
Date

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

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

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Name or Social Security Number of First Petitioner:

SEC OFFICE of COMPENSATION  
ANALYSIS and SUPPORT  
4676 COLUMBIA PARKWAY  
Mail Stop C-47  
CINCINNATI, OHIO 45226

September 21, 2004

PETITION NO.

To Whom It May Concern;

I am sending you this sworn statement that I never in the course of my employment during \_\_\_\_\_ and the first part of \_\_\_\_\_ I never saw any kind of radiation monitoring device, other than GEIGER COUNTERS in each assembly area.

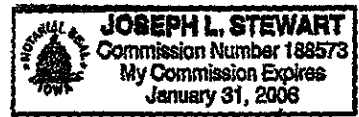
Be advised that during that period of time, the only assembly of weapon for the Atomic Energy Commission was in 1-13 Bldg.

Other than that, radiation was not monitored.

No effort was made, no monitoring of any kind, in addition, to determine individual radiation exposure.

c/c file

Notarypublic seal and signiture



*Cap. Joe Stewart*

Addition to; for your action, consideration;

In Paragraph 10 of the summary that I received, there is still no inclusion of these buildings, which were vital to the work done, 1-06-1, 1-08-1, 1-50, 1060, and 1-06-2.

ALL of the melt pour batches were made up in these buildings and this includes CYCLOTOL, COMP."B" FLAKE "T N T" AND BARATOL MIXES. The raw material was screened, inspected, weighted, dried as required in oven or drum mill heater bare handed for the most part.

I have repeatedly informed NIOSH people in telecon of this fact and still these functional, used, buildings are not included.

Will you please correct this situation? The raw material for each BARATOL pour was processed in bldg. 1-60. This was barium nitrate primarily and working there for three plus years is where my breathing problems started. This WAS IN THE

I was sent to our family Dr. because I could only develop four inches of chest expansion. The Dr. was Gundrum, dead for some time and I can not locate any records of that test.

Thanks for any help you can arrange.

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B.1 Name of Survivor:

Mr./Mrs./Ms. First Name Middle Initial Last Name

B.2 Social Security Number of Survivor:

B.3 Address of Survivor:

Street Apt # P.O. Box  
City State Zip Code

B.4 Telephone Number of Survivor:

B.5 Email Address of Survivor:

B.6 Relationship to Employee:  Spouse  Son Daughter  Parent  
 Grandparent  Grandchild

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Deceased  
Street Apt # P.O. Box  
City State Zip Code

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C.6 Email Address of Employee:

C.7 Employment Information Related to Petition:

C.7a Employee Number (if known):

C.7b Dates of Employment: Start End

C.7c Employer Name: Dry & Zimmerman, Inc & Silas Mason

C.7d Work Site Location: Iowa Ordnance Plant  
Burlington, Iowa

C.7e Supervisor's Name: Not Known

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We have no evidence of any monitoring for [redacted] and [redacted] who worked at several sites @ the IOP - including line one.

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*all know why.*



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Name or Social Security Number of First Petitioner: [REDACTED]

Special Exposure Cohort Petition  
under the Energy Employees Occupational  
Illness Compensation Act

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services  
Centers for Disease Control and Prevention  
National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health

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*\*I, and my brother who also has submitted a petition to your office regarding the employment of our mother, [redacted]. He is the first petitioner.*  
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Signature

*Second petitioner*

Date

*8/18/04*

Signature

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Name or Social Security Number of First Petitioner: *Second* 

March 16, 2004  
File #

Ms. Kari Waller, Examiner  
U. S. Department of Labor  
Office of Workers' Compensation Programs  
Energy Employees Occupational Illness Compensation Program  
719 Second Avenue, Suite 601  
Seattle, WA 98104

Dear Ms. Waller:

After consulting my brother, I am writing to make explicit those points that we have expressed implicitly to you in previous correspondence. There are five.

First, the entire process is fraught with ambiguity – even at the most superficial level. I'll cite just two examples. Both you and Ms. Dori Omon asked us for the same information. To whom were we to send this information? This question was answered only when you told my brother that you were (are) the contact person, and that Ms. Omon had turned our file over to you. Further, at one time either you or Ms. Omon asked for a copy of our father's death certificate. After considerable time and effort, we obtained a copy only to learn that it was not needed after all.

Second, on a much more profound level, we were not informed by the DOL of the "special exposure cohort status" for those former cancer-stricken AEC (DOE) former workers at the IAAP (IOP)? This was clearly the intent of Iowa Senator Tom Harkin when he drafted the EEOICP Act. Yet the DOL kept us in the dark about this vital provision, suggesting that our claim would likely be denied in the absence of our mother's work site documentation.

Third, that our mother was a former AEC worker who died from [REDACTED] is beyond question. If you have examined her medical records (sent either to you or Ms. Omon), you will see that the last ten years of her life were years of untold suffering as the cancer ravaged her kidneys, lungs and bones. And I'm sure that you can well imagine the financial hardship that exacerbated this suffering.

Fourth, the DOL has failed to inform us that cancer-stricken IAAP workers undoubtedly contracted the disease as a result of the AEC's assembling and test-firing nuclear weapons at the plant without providing adequate protection for workers. Sadly, this state of affairs characterized the U. S. nuclear industry in the early 1950s. Also my

brother and I remain convinced that our mother worked on Line One at the plant – where these deadly weapons were assembled.

Fifth, our mother's case is being included in the University of Iowa's study of former AEC employees, yet the DOL has not acknowledged this fact as far as we know.

In summary, in the 2000 presidential election, both my brother and I voted for a "compassionate conservative." We believe that our president would be appalled if he knew of the DOL's shameful lack of compassion for our mother, and other cancer-stricken former AEC employees at the IAAP.

Thank you for your time and attention. We will look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

February 26, 2004

File #

Ms. Kari Waller, Examiner  
U. S. Department of Labor  
Office of Workers' Compensation Programs  
Energy Employees Occupational Illness Compensation Program  
719 Second Avenue, Suite 601  
Seattle, WA 98104

Dear Ms. Waller:

My brother and I would like the DOL to go forward with our claim, and I am writing this letter in an attempt to show why our claim should be placed under the special exposure cohort provision of the EEOICP Act.

We believe this placement is warranted due to ambiguities and lost or missing employment data pertinent to the operation of the IAAP in Middletown, Iowa. I would like to cite a few examples.

First, in previous correspondence to you, it was pointed out that Day and Zimmerman, the plant contractors with the AEC prior to 1951, are unable to provide information about my mother's work sites at the plant. Also, I stated in my affidavit to the DOL that University of Iowa medical researchers, while able to determine my mother's two badge numbers, were unable to shed any light as to her work sites at the plant due to lost or missing records.

Second, her employment history at the plant remains problematic. Social Security information shows that my mother made contributions to the program in [REDACTED] and when the plant was under the operation of Day and Zimmerman. Apparently no contributions were made from [REDACTED]. Yet, in your letter of December 19, 2003, you wrote: "The Department of Energy (DOE) was able to provide us with the termination date for [REDACTED]. The central question here, of course, is: How does one explain the five year gap regarding Social Security contributions and the DOE's termination date of my mother's employment?"

Third, is the DOE in fact correct when it asserts that my mother's termination date was [REDACTED]. Was she not still a DOE employee when the plant was under the administration of Silas Mason? Social Security records indicate that Silas Mason reported contributions made by our mother from [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] and information



provided by University of Iowa medical researchers indicates clearly that Silas Mason managed the plant from [redacted] to [redacted] under the auspices of either the AEC or the DOE.

Fourth, the ambiguities regarding the U. S. government's oversight of the plant, I believe, are profound. For example, Ms. Janice Barton, the DOL case worker who helped me fill out form EE-2, told me yesterday by phone that the AEC only provided oversight of the plant, starting in [redacted]. When I told her I thought the correct date was [redacted], when Silas Mason became the subcontractor at the plant, she said that's not what her "book" indicated, but that she'd look into my claim. Within a half hour she called back and said that I was, in fact, correct about the [redacted] re.

And to compound the uncertainties that exist pertinent to the operation of the plant, you will no doubt remember that you told me yesterday by phone that, while Silas Mason was subcontractor of the AEC, they ran other plant operations that were not under the auspices of the AEC. I am confused about this because University of Iowa medical researchers are not making this distinction when it comes to the exposure to radiation at the plant. Mr. Howard Nicholson told me by phone that my mother was a DOE employee, and that their records indicate that she developed [redacted]. I believe that this statement made by a medical researcher of the plant's employees should be accorded considerable weight. After all, if our mother is to be included in a government sponsored study for the DOE, to deny our request for her inclusion in the special exposure cohort status would, we feel, be contrary to the rationale for drafting the special exposure provision in the first place. In fact, to deny our request, we believe, would be a violation of both the letter and the spirit of that act.

In sum, while no amount of money would be able to compensate for the ten years of pain and financial loss that preceded her death as a result of her employment by the AEC, we feel that the U. S. government's granting of our request for special cohort status would be a good faith effort to make up for the harm it unintentionally caused our mother.

Thank you for your time and attention. We will look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

January 24, 2004  
File number:

Ms. Kari Waller, Examiner  
U. S. Department of Labor  
Office of Workers' Compensation Programs  
Energy Employees Occupational Illness Compensation Program  
719 Second Avenue, Suite 601  
Seattle, WA 98104

Dear Ms. Waller:

Thank you for your letter of January 16, 2004 in which you requested further documentation of my mother's (Edith Larson) medical records and employment history.

My brother told me today that he sent to you copies of my mother's medical records, obtained at no small expense. Unfortunately, providing information about my mother's work history has been much more difficult, but no less expensive.

On November 20, 2003, I signed, dated and returned forms EE-2 and EE-3 to Ms. Janice Barton, a caseworker at the Energy Employees Compensation Resource Center in Westminster, Colorado. Ms. Barton was kind enough to fill out these forms for me based on an extended telephone conversation a few days earlier. On form EE-3, based on memories of almost fifty years ago, I guessed that the "approximate" date of my mother's employment history at the IOP was [REDACTED] to [REDACTED]. Since then, thanks to information provided by the DOL, I have learned that the exact termination date of my mother's employment at the IOP was [REDACTED]. So far, my mother's hire date at the plant has not been determined, nor, as far as I know, has her work site at the plant.

In an effort to answer these questions, I was able to utilize information provided to me by Ms. Barton during our phone conversation. She suggested that I contact Ms. Connie Hutchcroft at American Ordnance, a successor to the IOP.

In a letter to me dated November 27, 2003, Ms. Hutchcroft acknowledged the receiving of my letter, said she has no record of my mother's employment at the IOP, and said that perhaps my mother was employed at the plant prior to [REDACTED], when Day and Zimmerman were contractors at the plant. She also said that she had forwarded my letter to Day and Zimmerman.

On November 25, 2003, I received a letter from Ms. Arnette Ross, Administrative Assistant at Day and Zimmerman. She apparently misinterpreted my letter because she

wrote: "Records for employees who worked at the Iowa Army Ammunition Plant prior to WW II are stored at a U. S. Government Personnel Records Center." She was also kind enough to provide an address for the Center.

Later that day, I wrote back to her that I was seeking information on my mother's employment at the plant after the start of WW II. In early December, after not hearing from Ms. Ross, I called her office. She told me that all existing Day and Zimmerman records for the IOP had been sent to the National Personnel Records Center in St. Louis. She also said that "ninety-five" percent of employment inquiries such as mine fail to be substantiated by the Center. Naturally, I was not surprised when, yesterday, I received a letter dated "1-15-03"[sic] from William D. Bassman, Chief, Reference Service Branch at the St. Louis Center. He wrote that he found no records of "Federal Civilian Employment" for my mother. Similarly, he was unable to find any record of my father's employment history at the IOP.

In my letter of 11-19-03 to the St. Louis Center, I also inquired about his employment history at the IOP because he died at age [redacted] of a [redacted]. I thought that his death at a relatively early age might be related to his employment at the IOP. That he indeed worked at the plant is noted on my birth certificate, a copy of which was sent to the DOL.

As you see, I was born on [redacted], and my research indicates that Day and Zimmerman were contractors at the IOP from 1940 to 1951. I find it curious that neither Day and Zimmerman nor the National Personnel Records Center has been able to document that he worked at the plant.

As you know, I have enlisted the aid of Iowa Senator Charles Grassley's office in an effort to establish my mother's work history at the IOP. Also, I have returned the appropriate Social Security form that your office was kind enough to send me. I await to see if these efforts shed at least some light on this matter. They certainly can be no more unsuccessful than the five-day, \$215 personal ad that I placed in the Gazette, a newspaper that now serves the Burlington, Iowa area.

In summary, let me say that my brother and I will continue our efforts to explore all avenues in this matter. We hope to be able to provide additional data by February 16, 2004.

Thank you for your time and attention.

Sincerely,

[redacted signature]

Cc: [redacted]

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## Few former IAAP workers' claims paid

Other states seeing more success with federal filings.

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The Associated Press

IOWA CITY — For much of his career, Jack Polson was the chief chemist at the 19,000-acre Iowa Ammunition Plant, where production workers toiled in secrecy for decades assembling nuclear bombs.

Now 79, Polson suffers from bladder cancer, skin cancer and beryllium poisoning and is convinced the government is trying to evade its promise to compensate him for his ailments, which followed years of exposure to radiation and other harmful substances at the weapons plant.

"I think it's clear they are looking for an 'out' to pay claims," he said.

So far, 1,041 claims have been filed with the Department of Energy by former IAAP workers under a federal program to compensate the nation's former nuclear weapons workers now diagnosed with health problems.

Nearly 14,000 claims have been filed by workers nationwide.

In setting up the program in 2000, Congress gave a special exemption — providing for automatic payment of claims — to workers at plants in Ohio, Tennessee, Kentucky and Alaska, but workers at lesser known plants in Iowa and elsewhere were left out.

While thousands of workers nationwide have been compensated, fewer than 50 claims filed by Iowa weapons workers have been paid.

Sen. Tom Harkin, D-Iowa, calls the former IAAP employees a forgotten bunch.

"These workers have waited years to be compensated," said Harkin, who is working with other senators fix the backlog of claims.

"Many of them are buried by burdensome health care bills after years of dealing with work-related illness and many have died waiting for compensation," he said.

Nuclear bomb components were tested and warheads were assembled and disassembled at the southeast Iowa plant from the late 1940s until 1975.

Why?

The plant operated under a shroud of secrecy until 1998, when a former worker battling cancer contacted Harkin for help.

Under the federal compensation program, doctors must investigate each claim, review work histories, physical records and monitoring data to determine if an employee's exposure merits approval.

But workers at the Iowa plant had trouble supporting their claims because records had been moved, scattered or lost.

Federal officials have found very few records monitoring radiation at the Iowa plant, despite months of searching with the Department of Energy and the various contractors that ran the factory.

"Far and away, it is one of the worst cases of monitoring and record-keeping out there," said Richard Miller, a policy analyst with The Government Accountability Project.

Former worker Paul Cross, who worked in the safety department for eight years, says daily monitoring a record keeping was a priority — but he's at a loss to explain the whereabouts of those records now.

"We had all kinds of data recorded on radiation," said Cross, who filed a claim after contracting lymphoma in 1987. "I've heard the talk about how management was sloppy, but it was a well-run operation."

In the absence of such data, federal officials are relying on a "site profile," prepared by scientists from the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health.

But critics contend the profile is flawed, including:

Failure to recognize several operations that took place at the plant, specifically the factory line where as many as 40 workers disassembled old or malfunctioning weapons.

Using records at a plant in Texas to base assumptions on operations, exposure levels and monitoring data.

Failing to interview workers who could have provided important details about record keeping, monitoring and operations.

"Is this a believable approach to be taking when processing these claims?" Miller said. "Is this exactly what Congress intended when it passed a law to take care of these workers?"

Larry Elliot, director of the office of compensation analysis for NIOSH, said the site profile is still a work in progress.

He said the agency is working to obtain classified documents from the DOE to fill in gaps during the first 10 years of nuclear bomb production, and officials will soon begin interviewing former workers to draw a clearer picture of operations and monitoring practices at IAAP.

Because the site profile lacks adequate data from the earliest years of production, Elliot said claims filed by workers from that period are being put on hold. He also defended its use of operating assumptions at other plants.

"This is a living document," Elliot said. "We think it's a good start ... and we're looking for additional data."

"With the monitoring information that was collected from plants in Texas and elsewhere, we feel the site profile presents a strong case for the worst levels of exposure that could have happened at Iowa," he said

But many of the Iowa workers are dying.

"The workers at IAAP and their families devoted their lives to our national security, and their compensation is long overdue," Harkin said.

Last week, the Senate attached to a defense spending bill an amendment that would create a special exemption for workers at IAAP and the St. Louis-based Mallinckrodt Chemical Co., a uranium dioxide producer.

The measure, sponsored by Harkin and Sen. Kit Bond, R-Mo., would make workers eligible for automatic payment and sidestep dose reconstruction.

The bill now must survive a joint House and Senate conference committee when Congress returns from recess next month.

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Personal Notes  
Why Automatic payments to some, and not others?

Where's the compensation Bush is standing in the (Can't believe way) if claims are denied.

Options - if claims are denied:  
1. Class Action  
2. 60 Minutes and/or Date line  
3. Discrimination Suit? Special for some and not others  
4. Leave Republican Party  
5. Leave 20 years; similar sit  
6. Get M. Moore to do a documentary - or - someone like him

6. Do a book. Master Thesis on IAAP completed in 1987  
Ph.D. degrees. can write, can do research. Both have written books

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Re:

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TO Whom It May Concern:

This statement is to confirm that my brother and I, after considerable effort, have not been able to locate or obtain any records with respect to monitoring radiation and other deadly toxins at the I.O.P., in Burlington, Iowa, i.e., (Middletown), during the [redacted] and when our Mother,

worked there as a

Local and state politicians, along with newspaper investigators have deplored sloppy record keeping, and they too, have been unsuccessful in assisting us with our efforts to find the records.

Without records, and the fact that Mom passed away in [redacted] it seems to us that fair and scientific dose reconstruction is simply not possible.

Yet, Mom fought a ten year battle with cancer that we are convinced was due to radiation and toxin exposure while she was an employee at the I.O.P.

In the interest of justice, we urge your careful consideration of our claim.

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Sincerely,

Carmel A Zorisky  
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