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Dear Current, Retired and Former Sandia National Laboratories Employees or their Survivors,

We wish to inform you that you may be eligible for an important Federal benefits program and how you can apply or get more information.

During the Cold War, workers employed in the nation's atomic weapons program or other programs may have been exposed to radioactive and toxic substances. In 2000, Congress passed **The Energy Employees Occupational Illness Compensation Program Act (EEOICPA)** to provide assistance to those workers who have become ill as a result of employment at atomic weapon facilities or other facilities. Individuals, or their eligible survivors, who were an employee, contractor, or subcontractor at a Department of Energy (DOE) facility, such as Sandia National Laboratories, may be eligible for benefits under this Program.

The Program Administered by the Department of Labor

The Federal portion of the EEOICPA, administered by the Department of Labor (DOL), was enacted to provide compensation to workers with cancer, beryllium disease, or silicosis. Employees, or their survivors, whose claims are approved may receive a lump-sum payment of \$150,000 and medical benefits for the covered illness.

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DOE has established independent physician panels of occupational medicine doctors to review whether workplace toxic exposures may have caused or contributed to DOE workers occupational illnesses. If there is an affirmative finding, DOE will assist the worker in filing a claim with the state workers' compensation program. Toxic-related illnesses could include: asbestosis, liver disease, nervous system disorders, non-cancerous respiratory or kidney disease, heavy metal poisoning, certain reproductive disorders, or other diseases.

How to Apply or Get More Information

The Departments of Labor and Energy are sponsoring a **Traveling Resource Center** to help current, retired, or former Sandia National Laboratories workers or their survivors file applications or get more information about the EEOICPA program:

Tuesday and Wednesday, November 18-19, 2003, 8:30 AM to 6:00 PM
Tuesday and Wednesday, January 20-21, 2004, 8:30 AM to 6:00PM
Tuesday and Wednesday, March 23-24, 2004, 8:30 AM to 6:00 PM
Sheraton Four Points Hotel, 5115 Hopyard Road, Pleasanton, CA
(925) 460-8800

You may drop in or make an appointment by calling toll free 1-866-697-0841 between the hours of 8:30 AM and 5:00 PM PDT. You can also get more information or file a claim through this number as well. If you have already attended a Traveling Resource Center or filed a claim with the Department of Labor or Energy, you do not need to attend or call this Resource Center.

Sandia National Laboratories encourages you, if you have any questions about the Energy Employees Occupational Illness Compensation Act or wish to file an application, to visit the Traveling Resource Center in Pleasanton on the dates and at the locations given above. Sandia National Laboratories supports your right to participate in the EEOICPA Program without reprisal. Sandia National Laboratories encourages our current, retired, and former workers and their survivors to apply to this Program if you feel you may be eligible.

In addition, the DOE Office of Worker Advocacy has a website containing more information about the program, the Resource Centers, and printable application forms. The web address for the website is: <http://www.tis.eh.doe.gov/advocacy/index.html>

The Benefits and Health Services Department (8527), in Livermore, will assist Sandia California claimants with medical records. The contact person is Barbara Allen. Her phone number is (925) 294-1524. The Benefits and Health Services Center (3300) in New Mexico is coordinating all other information associated with claims, such as employment verification and radiation dosimetry records. The contact there is Renee Wood. Her phone number is (505) 845-0612.

Yours truly,

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