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Mr. Larry Elliott, Director
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RE: US DOL file number :

Dear Mr. Elliott:

I was pleased to see that NIOSH is accepting public comment regarding proposed changes to benefit claims made by Hanford workers with lymphoma.

My mother, , worked at Hanford for more than 26 years. During her employment on the nuclear reservation, she was gnosed with d cancer, which resulted in surgery in . She filed a claim for benefits under the dose reconstruction project/EEOICPA.

The result of the DOL analysis of my mother's case determined that the probability of causation of the primary cancer () was 42.67%, just 7.33% difference from the 50% level established.

To be honest, I feel the 50% target is unreasonable and illogical. The facts are that my mother worked at Hanford, she was exposed to radiation during her employment, and she contracted cancer which is a known result from such exposure. Setting an arbitrarily high-percentage for probability of cause doesn't make sense.

I appreciate NIOSH reconsidering its previous probability target, and allowing recalculation for Hanford employees, such as

Sincerely,