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Larry Elliott, Director
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National Institute for Occupational Safety & Health
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Re: Changes in Hanford Claim Rules
File Number: .

Dear Mr. Elliott:

Your office has tentatively denied our claim for our father's death which is directly related to his employment at the Hanford Nuclear Site. Our father was exposed many times to different radiation leaks and exposure to radiation during his employment at the Hanford Nuclear Site. He died a very slow and painful death. If the Federal Government wants to change to rules to make it easier for survivors and family members to claim benefits due them, then by all means let it happen. It shouldn't have to take two to three years to compensate claimants. The fact of employment and job type is enough to make a decision knowing full well the extent of the radiation leaks and releases that have gone on at Hanford over the years. The monitoring badges were inadequate and probably still are in determining radiation doses. The exposure effects of radiation on the human body are never the same twice, as you well know.

The compensation amounts were allocated by Congress. The money allocated by Congress is taxpayer's money, i.e., our money! This money does not belong to your office or any other office in this long drawn out claim process.

This letter is my formal comment regarding the changes in the Hanford Claim rules.

Sincerely,

Cc: Senator Maria Cantwell