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Mr. Larry Elliott  
Director, Office of Compensation  
Analysis and Support  
National Institute for Occupational  
Safety and Health  
4676 Columbia Parkway, C-46  
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RE: HANFORD WORKERS BENEFITS: \$150,000

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Dear Mr. Elliott:

My name is . I worked at the Hanford Area from thru and have developed a very serious and debilitating lung disease from my exposure at the Hanford Area. In fact, because of my exposure I am on Social Security Disability and unable to work. My out of pocket medical costs for 2004 were \$15,000. My out of pocket medical costs for 2005 were \$15,000. My personal savings from a lifetime of working are being decimated.

Over the past several years I have gone to the meetings regarding Hanford Employee Compensation and listened to all of the wonderful hype. I have filled out form after form only to be misidentified, misinformed, delayed and told I do not meet the requirements set out by **LAW**. The answer to my pleas for help, are precluded because it is the **LAW**. The DOE does not deny that they caused the injury to my lungs, the DOE only denies me compensation and medical care.

WOULD YOU PLEASE INVESTIGATE THIS AND GE ME SOME HELP?

Very truly yours

Enclosure: Tri-City Herald Article Titled:  
Feds Eye Change in Hanford Claim Rules

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### **Feds eye changes in Hanford claim rules**

The federal government is considering new rules that may make it easier for former Hanford workers with lymphoma cancers or their survivors to receive benefits that include a \$150,000 payment.

If the rules are adopted, previously decided claims could be reconsidered. The proposed change was published Thursday in the Federal Register. Public comment will be accepted for two weeks.

Comments may be mailed to Larry Elliott, director, Office of Compensation Analysis and Support, National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health, 4676 Columbia Parkway, C-46, Cincinnati, Ohio 45226.

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