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HIOSH Docket Office  
Robert Taft Laboratories MS-C34  
4676 Columbia Parkway,  
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Re: NIOSH Docket #209

Dear Docket Officer:

The Department of Health and Human Services is proposing to treat Chronic Lymphocytic Leukemia as a qualified cancer under EEOICPA by adding it to the original compensation program. I believe it will pass the rulemaking test and be included as part of the original program.

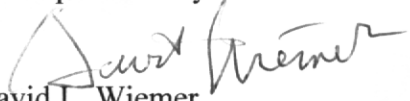
My father worked for nine years as an inspector on Line-1 at the Burlington, Iowa Army Ammunition Plant as an atomic weapons employee, retiring in 1967. In his retirement he lost weight, became pallor, and was gradually more fatigued each year until his death in 1977. His hospital record of 3-16-76 indicated he had, among other problems, Chronic Leukemia-Bone Cancer. Also, his death certificate listed he had Chronic Lymphocytic Leukemia for 1 ½ years.

Where else could he have acquired the disease, except at the IAAP exposed to radiation while working on atomic weapons? There is no other report of such disease in the family.

My brother and I support adding CLL to the list of diseases qualifying for compensation under EEOICPA. If CLL is promulgated as a cancer qualified under the program we will seek compensation for the suffering our dad went through.

We have only have the information listed above but hope it will satisfy the requirement of Department of Labor, as it is the final administrator of the program.

Please put me on your list to receive your final judgment. Thanks,

  
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