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To whom it may concern:

Re Energy Employees Compensation Act of 2000

I would like this letter to be part of the public comment that your department has requested us to write re: Niosh Dose Reconstruction process of the program.

How dare your agency ask that the applicants wait an additional 6 months for your office to complete its process of rules. Haven't the worker who suffered waited long enough to be compensated. The Department of Energy waited 35 years to admit to their involvement in the production of weapons and to admit to the many workers that their work done for them made them ill, caused their cancer and their death? And now the government and Niosh wants these workers to wait 6 more months to be compensated , Niosh should get this program in effect to be completed within 30 to 60 days and even that is way too long for these applicant to wait for a compensation they should of received many years ago.

The government will get its act together and send billions of dollars in food to a foreign country within weeks of an attack, but the American has to wait for programs like this to get done and complete for many months to come an unfair and inproper way to

treat the American who went to work every day and never thought they would become ill and die for trying to be a good family person and support their family, no one ever thought of the government telling these workers lies and not informing them of the health risks.

This 6 months of your office waiting to complete this process is totally unfair and I do not feel you should ask these applicants to wait, you should hire more people and get this complete and you should notify the applicants of the progress on the completion of this program, your agency knew of this program and you should of completed your portion to have this in place for the many applicants who will be involved in this program., after all most of the applicants are elderly and could very well not see this program thru due to the many delays your office is putting on getting the rules finalized.

Therefore this letter is a request that your office re-think this waiting period and finish the rules and get the applications back to the Department of Labor to be finalized or that the applicant be able to request that the 6 months be waived and peole can move forward.

Thank you for you time to read these comments.

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