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Larry Elliott, Director

Dear Sir:

I agree with the federal government considering new rules that may make it easier for former Hanford workers to receive benefits. The original rule when first applicants applied was anyone who had cancer or had been exposed to radiation would be paid.

According to testimony from workers who kept the records they were badly flawed.

Also the amount of radiation to cause cancer is different for who is exposed at different ages. This was found out in the Japanese people who were bombed.

Anyone who received radiation, especially those with multiple cancers, should receive benefits.