Decision To Evaluate a Petition To Designate a Class of Employees From the General Atomics Facility in La Jolla, California, To Be Included in the Special Exposure Cohort

AGENCY: National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH), Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Department of Health and Human Services.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: NIOSH gives notice as required by 42 CFR 83.12(e) of a decision to evaluate a petition to designate a class of employees from the General Atomics facility in La Jolla, California, to be included in the Special Exposure Cohort under the Energy Employees Occupational Illness Compensation Program Act of 2000. The initial proposed definition for the class being evaluated, subject to revision as warranted by the evaluation, is as follows:

Facility: General Atomics.
Location: La Jolla, California.
Job Titles and/or Job Duties: All Atomic Weapons Employees who worked for General Atomics at its facility in La Jolla, California, during the period from January 1, 1960 through December 31, 1969, for a number of work days aggregating at least 250 work days, occurring either solely under this employment or in combination with work days within the parameters established for one or more other classes of employees included in the Special Exposure Cohort.


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AHRQ will pilot test the toolkit to assess:

Facilitators of and barriers to implementing the toolkit
Effectiveness of the toolkit in improving informed consent processes and relevant outputs and outcomes

Pilot test results will be used to improve the toolkit and provide information to hospitals considering using it to improve their informed consent processes. The pilot test will take place in four hospitals. Each participating hospital will be asked to:

Train the leaders of their choosing using the training module Champion improvements in their informed consent policies and processes based on the information and tools in the leader training.

Train frontline staff members in four units, including at least one surgical unit. Using the frontline training module.

Implement improvement initiatives over a period of two to six months in participating units based on materials presented in the frontline training.

In at least one unit implementation will last at least three months and use