DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Final Effect of Designation of a Class of Employees for Addition to 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 (HHS).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: HHS gives notice concerning the final effect of the HHS decision to designate a class of employees from the Hooker Electrochemical Corporation in Niagara Falls, New York, as an addition to the Special Exposure Cohort (SEC) under the Energy Employees Occupational Illness Compensation Program Act of 2000.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Stuart L. Hinnefeld, Director, Division of Compensation Analysis and Support, NIOSH, 1090 Tusculum Avenue, MS C-46, Cincinnati, OH 45226-1938. Telephone 877–222–7570. Information requests can also be submitted by email to DCA5@CDC.GOV.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:


On September 22, 2015, as provided for under 42 U.S.C. 7384(i)(14)(C), the Secretary of HHS designated the following class of employees as an addition to the SEC:

All Atomic Weapons Employees who worked at the Hooker Electrochemical Corporation in Niagara Falls, New York, during the operational period from July 1, 1944, through December 31, 1948, 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 in the Special Exposure Cohort.

This designation became effective on October 22, 2015. Therefore, beginning on October 22, 2015, members of this class of employees, defined as reported in this notice, became members of the SEC.

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National Institutes of Health

Proposed Collection; 60-Day Comment Request; A Generic Clearance for the Eunice Kennedy Shriver National Institute of Child Health and Human Development (NICHD) Data and Specimen Hub (DASH)

SUMMARY: In compliance with the requirement of Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, for opportunity for public comment on proposed data collection projects, the NICHD, the National Institutes of Health (NIH) will publish periodic summaries of proposed projects to be submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval.

Written comments and/or suggestions from the public and affected agencies are invited to address one or more of the following points: (1) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the function of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility; (2) the accuracy of the agency’s estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (3) the quality, reliability, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (4) minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

To Submit Comments and for Further Information: To obtain a copy of the data collection plans and forms, submit comments in writing, or request more information on the proposed project, contact: Rohan Hazra, M.D., Eunice Kennedy Shriver National Institute of Child Health and Human Development (NICHD), National Institutes of Health, 6100 Executive Blvd., Room 4B11, Bethesda, MD 20892–7510, or call non-toll-free number 301–435–6868 or Email your request, including your address to: hazrar@mail.nih.gov. Formal requests for additional plans and forms must be requested in writing.

Comment Due Date: Comments regarding this information collection are best assured of having their full effect if received within 60 days of the date of this publication.

Proposed Collection: Data and Specimen Hub (DASH), 0925—NEW, Eunice Kennedy Shriver National Institute of Child Health and Human Development (NICHD), National Institutes of Health (NIH).

Need and Use of Information Collection: The NICHD Data and Specimen Hub (DASH) is being established by NICHD as a data sharing mechanism for biomedical research investigators. It will serve as a centralized resource for investigators to store and access de-identified data from studies funded by NICHD. The potential for public benefit to be achieved through sharing research study data for secondary analysis is significant. NICHD DASH supports NICHD’s mission to ensure that every person is born healthy and wanted, that women suffer no harmful effects from reproductive processes, and that all children have the chance to achieve their full potential for healthy and productive lives, free from disease or disability, and to ensure the health, productivity, independence, and well-being of all people through optimal rehabilitation. Data sharing and reuse will promote testing of new hypotheses from data already collected, facilitate trans-disciplinary collaboration, accelerate scientific findings and enable NICHD to maximize the return on its investments in research.

Anyone can access NICHD DASH to browse and view descriptive information about the studies and data archived in NICHD DASH without creating an account. Users who wish to submit or request research study data must register for an account.