DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health; Designation of a Class of Employees for Addition to the Special Exposure Cohort

AGENCY: National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH), Department of Health and Human Services (HHS).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) gives notice of a decision to designate a class of employees at the Rocky Flats Plant, Golden, Colorado, as an addition to the Special Exposure Cohort (SEC) under the Energy Employees Occupational Illness Compensation Program Act of 2000. On August 6, 2007, the Secretary of HHS designated the following class of employees as an addition to the SEC:

Employees of the Department of Energy (DOE), its predecessor agencies, or DOE contractors or subcontractors who were monitored or should have been monitored for neutron exposures while working at the Rocky Flats Plant in Golden, Colorado, for a number of work days aggregating at least 250 work days from January 1, 1959, through December 31, 1966, 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 will become effective on September 5, 2007, unless Congress provides otherwise prior to the effective date. After this effective date, HHS will publish a notice in the Federal Register reporting the addition of this class to the SEC or the result of any provision by Congress regarding the decision by HHS to add the class to the SEC.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Larry Elliott, Director, Office of Compensation Analysis and Support, National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH), 4676 Columbia Parkway, MS C–46, Cincinnati, OH 45226, Telephone 513–533–6800 (this is not a toll-free number). Information requests can also be submitted by e-mail to OCAS@CDC.GOV.

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health

Determination Concerning a Petition to Add a Class of Employees to the Special Exposure Cohort

AGENCY: National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH), Department of Health and Human Services (HHS).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) gives notice of a determination concerning a petition to add a class of employees at the Rocky Flats Plant, Golden, Colorado, to the Special Exposure Cohort (SEC) under the Energy Employees Occupational Illness Compensation Program Act of 2000 (EEOICPA), 42 U.S.C. 7384q. On August 6, 2007, the Secretary of HHS determined that the following employees do not meet the statutory criteria for addition to the SEC as authorized under EEOICPA:

Department of Energy employees or its contractor or subcontractor employees at the Rocky Flats plant in Golden, Colorado, who were exposed to radiation dose from 1967 through 2005 and who were exposed to any radiation dose other than neutron dose from 1952 through 1966.

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Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services

Medicaid Program: Notice of Single Source Grant Award to the State of Louisiana for the Grant Entitled “Deficit Reduction Act—Hurricane Katrina Healthcare Related Primary Care Access Stabilization Grant”

AGENCY: Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS), HHS.

ACTION: Notice.

Funding Amount: $100,000,000.
CFDA: 93.776.

Authority: Section 6201(a)(4) of the Deficit Reduction Act of 2005 (DRA).

Purpose: This grant program has been made available to the State of Louisiana to restore and expand access to primary care, including primary mental health care, in the Greater New Orleans area. This area is facing inadequate primary care access as a result of Hurricane Katrina and its subsequent floods causing a unique negative impact on the low income and uninsured populations of Greater New Orleans. Funding under this grant program must be used by the State of Louisiana to assist it to make payments for purposes of addressing primary health care access issues in Greater New Orleans “impacted communities”, defined for purposes of this grant, to be those four parishes located in the State of Louisiana’s Region 1, as defined by the Louisiana Department of Health and Hospitals, namely, Orleans, Jefferson, St. Bernard, and Plaquemines. This grant includes $4,000,000 for the City of New Orleans Health Department to help restore its ability to meet its primary care mission in new and emerging neighborhoods being repopulated.

The grant funds must be used only for funding eligible primary care clinics that: Provide at least one or more of the core primary care services with its own practitioners in an outpatient setting; formally commit to provide care to all individuals, regardless of ability to pay; are either a public or not-for-profit (NFP) entity that is sustainable; and demonstrate commitment to practice in the Greater New Orleans area for the long term. Because of the urgent need to get funds out as timely as possible under less than ideal local circumstances, the State of Louisiana has selected a locally based partner (that was able to meet certain criteria) to oversee and monitor local conditions,