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**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

**Decision to Evaluate a Petition to Designate a Class of Employees from the Blockson Chemical Company in Joliet, Illinois, 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 of a decision to evaluate a petition to designate a class of employees from the Blockson Chemical Company in Joliet, Illinois, to be included in the Special Exposure Cohort under the Energy Employees Occupational Illness Compensation Program Act of 2000.

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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

Authority: 42 C.F.R. 83.9-83.12.

Pursuant to 42 C.F.R. 83.12, the initial proposed definition for the class being evaluated, subject to revision as warranted by the evaluation, is as follows:

**Facility:** Blockson Chemical Company.

**Location:** Joliet, Illinois.

**Job Titles and/or Job Duties:** All workers who worked in any area.

**Period of Employment:** July 1, 1960 through December 31, 1991.

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