



**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

**Determination Concerning a Petition to Add a Class of  
Employees 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 of a determination concerning a petition to add a class of employees from the Bliss & Laughlin Steel site in Buffalo, New York, to the Special Exposure Cohort (SEC) under the Energy Employees Occupational Illness Compensation Program Act of 2000 (EEOICPA).

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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

Authority: [42 U.S.C.7384q].

On December 21, 2016, the Secretary of HHS determined that the following class of employees does not meet the statutory criteria for addition to the SEC as authorized under EEOICPA:

“All Atomic Weapons Employees who worked in any area at Bliss and Laughlin Steel in Buffalo, New York, from January 1, 1999, through December 31, 1999.”

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