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FROM:

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TO: DOL/DOE Energy Advisory Board

Subject: Request to Speak: Advisory Board on Toxic Substances and Worker Health May 10-11, 2022

1. Due to the late notice of the Federal Registry on this meeting to where I cannot mail this request in due to current mail turnaround time, I am emailing this request into the Energy Advisory Board and DC FAB.
2. I am the POA for Paducah Gaseous Diffusion Plant (PGDP), Cascade Upgrade Program (CUP), XXX, 1973-1981. I am requesting time to speak at the May 10-11, 2022 advisory board hearings.
3. Name: Sandra Thornton

Time: 7 minutes (or more if available) during public comments

Interest: Cold War Veterans from PGDP CUP program 1973-1981

Brief Outline:

- Discuss initial exposure form at resource centers
- Denied information to IH/CMC by multiple districts
- Failures in case managers education during case review report evidence of radiation/toxic exposures of lymphomas, Xray pictures, toxic tests, all teeth removed, Gamma/Beta/Alpha high radiation (per DOE 1997 PGDP report did not report high radiation released from toxic substances because that radiation was considered "mixed" content and placed in the "other" category. TCE and asbestos both had PGDP high levels of radiation per DOE specialists, etc. which Travis was climbing inside cells/welding. NIOSH, CDC, ORAU, etc. are not factoring into radiation/toxic substances/medical illness in these PGDP CUP exposure levels.)
- Failure to follow SEM with Emphysema, COPD, and Bronchitis to be linked in claims
- Failure to approve wrongful denials after evidence of case manager deficiencies
- Used unsigned/not submitted resource center form
- Three doctors' letters and over 3,400 pages of "evidence" and claims are denied.
- DEEOIC computer system does not allow claimants to check status of claims, to communicate with case managers and establish a trail of information for continuity, correct information, does not allow seeing what documents have been uploaded, does not load all DOE/DOL documents into a claimants file to help the individual, etc.
- Why has ORAU locked PGDP studies to gov employees and or researchers only?
- Why has DOE/DOL not provided the "Death Certificate" database to the public?
- Why is DOL not acknowledging WHPP exams/diagnoses submitted as evidence?
- Why is NIOSH/CDC/DEEOIC/ORAU not using studies with PGDP findings?

- Giving high precedence to misinformed IH/CMC vs complete/rational doctor's letters.
4. These PGDP CUP Honorable Cold War Veterans are dying. I have always tried to help DOE, DOL, and this Energy Advisory Board to identify and correct deficiencies of this program so the DEEOIC works as Congress established. I respectfully request time to speak about these issues.

Thank you.

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Respectfully,

S. Thornton