Sick Worker Support Group Meeting Announcement

Tuesday, November 10th at 10:30am
Livermore Public Library, Community Room B, 1188 So. Livermore Ave.
Current & former workers and their families or survivors are invited to join us. Light snacks and refreshments will be served
Please call (925) 443-7148, or email Scott Yundt at scott@trivalleycares.org for more information.

National Day of Remembrance: Livermore Event

By: Joseph Rodgers and Scott Yundt

Advocates for sick nuclear workers, including Tri-Valley CAREs, will be participating in an event on October 27 to celebrate a National Day of Remembrance for Nuclear Weapons Workers. The event will be held at the Robert Livermore Community Center from 2:00pm - 4:00pm and will include former atomic weapons workers from around the Livermore area, with a focus on former Lawrence Livermore and Sandia – California employees.

The event shows solidarity with a resolution sponsored by Senator Lamar Alexander, (R-Tenn) declaring October 30, 2015 as the National Day of Remembrance for Nuclear Weapons Workers. Senator Alexander said "At the peak of the Cold War, nearly 600,000 workers across the country were involved in the research and production of nuclear weapons. Thousands... worked with hazardous materials to build and maintain our nation's nuclear defense. On this day of remembrance, we honor these Tennesseans and those around the country who have quietly sacrificed for our safety and freedom." The resolution was agreed to in the Senate by unanimous consent.

The National Day of Remembrance honors all nuclear weapons workers, including uranium miners, millers and haulers. These women and men may have paid a

EEOICPA Part E Advisory Board Moves Forward

By: Scott Yundt

The Department of Labor (DOL) invited nominations for individuals to serve on the Advisory Board on Toxic Substances and Worker Health for Part E of the Energy Employees Occupational Illness Compensation Program Act (EEOICPA).

The Board shall consist of 12-15 members, to be appointed by the Secretary of Labor. 64 nominations were received, including many very knowledgeable members of the Alliance of Nuclear Worker Advocacy Groups (ANWAG), of which Tri-Valley CAREs is a member.

The purpose of the Board is to advise the Secretary with respect to: (1) The Site Exposure Matrices of the DOL; (2) medical guidance for claims examiners for claims with the EEOICPA program, with respect to the weighing of the
high price developing nuclear weapons. Many workers have been made ill due to radiation and toxic substance exposure. The resolution also encourages Americans to support and participate in appropriate ceremonies, programs, and other activities to commemorate the Day of Remembrance.

This is the seventh year that the United States Senate has sponsored and unanimously passed resolutions declaring a National Day of Remembrance for Nuclear Weapons Workers. The first year was 2009 and the text of the resolution has not changed since it was first introduced.

The Livermore event will include speakers from Lawrence Livermore, Nuclear Care Partners, and Tri-Valley CAREs among others. The talks will focus on the Energy Employee Occupational Illness Compensation Program Act and the compensation and medical benefits it makes available to former employees and their survivors. See below for more details.

You’re Invited
JOIN US FOR A SPECIAL PRESENTATION AS WE HONOR WORKERS OF THE ATOMIC INDUSTRY FOR THEIR SACRIFICES DURING THE COLD WAR
OCT 27TH 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM
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medical evidence of claimants; (3) evidentiary requirements for claims under Part B of EEOICPA related to lung disease; and (4) the work of industrial hygienists and staff physicians and consulting physicians of the DOL and reports of such hygienists and physicians to ensure quality, objectivity, and consistency.

The agency is now inviting comments regarding the qualifications of potential candidates for membership on the Advisory Board. Public comments must be submitted by October 29th (postmarked, if sending by mail; submitted electronically; or received, if hand delivered). However, members of ANWAG have requested an extension of the comment period.

If you are interested in commenting, contact Scott Yundt at scott@trivalleycares.org or (925) 443-7148 for the list of nominees, or email your comment directly to EnergyAdvisoryBoard@dol.gov (specify in the email subject line, “Comments: Advisory Board on Toxic Substances and Worker Health”).