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**Advisory Board on Radiation Workers and Health to Hear Petition Concerning LANL  
Workers at Meeting next Week in Albuquerque**

*Environment Department's Office of Nuclear Workers Advocacy Will Be Available to Assist Workers with  
EEOICPA Claims*

**WHAT:** The Advisory Board on Radiation Workers and Health will hear a petition concerning Los Alamos National Laboratory employees during its meeting. The meeting is open to the public and time will be allotted for residents to address the board. The petition adds a class to the Special Exposure Cohort of the Energy Employees Occupational Illness Compensation Program Act (EEOICPA). The petition is for all support service employees at LANL. Those employees must have been employed at LANL for at least 250 days from Jan. 1, 1976 to Dec. 31, 2005. EEOICPA compensates U.S. Department of Energy workers who became ill with cancer or other diseases. Normally, if a worker has a radiation caused cancer then the claim must undergo dose reconstruction. However, for those claims that meet the Special Exposure Cohort criteria, the dose reconstruction process would be eliminated. Currently, 22 cancers are identified under the cohort.

**WHEN:** The LANL petition will be presented to the Advisory Board at 4:30 p.m. on Tuesday, February 17. The board will set aside public comment periods at 6:30 p.m. Feb. 17 and at 7 p.m. Feb. 18. The meetings will convene Feb. 17, 18 and 19. Those unable to attend may participate by telephone. The teleconference phone number is (866) 659-0537 -- enter the participant code 9933701.

**WHERE:** The Doubletree Hotel, 201 Marquette Ave. Northwest Albuquerque (505) 247-7000.

**WHO:** The New Mexico Environment Department's Office of Nuclear Worker Advocacy is available to assist workers with EEOICPA claims.

For more information on this event, call the Office of Nuclear Workers' Advocacy at (505) 827-1636.

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