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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### Designation of a Class of Employees for Addition 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  
decision to designate a class of  
employees from the Pantex Plant in  
Amarillo, Texas, as an addition to the  
Special Exposure Cohort (SEC) under  
the Energy Employees Occupational  
Illness Compensation Program Act of  
2000.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Stuart L. Hinnefeld, Director, Division  
of Compensation Analysis and Support,  
NIOSH, 1090 Tusculum Avenue,  
MS C-46, Cincinnati, OH 45226-1938,  
Telephone 1-877-222-7570.  
Information requests can also be  
submitted by email to [DCAS@CDC.GOV](mailto:DCAS@CDC.GOV).

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

**Authority:** 42 U.S.C. 7384q(b). 42 U.S.C.  
7384l(14)(C).

On January 4, 2017, as provided for  
under 42 U.S.C. 7384l(14)(C), the  
Secretary of HHS designated the  
following class of employees as an  
addition to the SEC:

All employees of the Department of  
Energy, its predecessor agencies, and their  
contractors and subcontractors who worked  
at the Pantex Plant in Amarillo, Texas,  
during the period from January 1, 1951,  
through December 31, 1957, for a number of  
work days aggregating at least 250 work days,  
occurring either solely under this  
employment or in combination with work  
days within the parameters established for  
one or more other classes of employees in the  
Special Exposure Cohort.

This designation will become  
effective on February 3, 2017, unless  
Congress provides otherwise prior to the  
effective date. After this effective date,  
HHS will publish a notice in the  
**Federal Register** reporting the addition  
of this class to the SEC or the result of  
any provision by Congress regarding the

decision by HHS to add the class to the  
SEC.

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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

#### National Center for Health Statistics (NCHS) Confidentiality Pledge Revision Notice

**AGENCY:** Centers for Disease Control and  
Prevention (CDC), Department of Health  
and Human Services (HHS).

**ACTION:** General notice—notice of  
revision of confidentiality pledges  
under the Confidential Information  
Protection and Statistical Efficiency Act.

**SUMMARY:** Under 44 U.S.C. 3506(e) and  
44 U.S.C. 3501, CDC's National Center  
for Health Statistics (NCHS) is  
announcing revisions to the  
confidentiality pledge(s) it provides to  
its respondents under the Confidential  
Information Protection and Statistical  
Efficiency Act (44 U.S.C. 3501)  
(CIPSEA). These revisions are required  
by the passage and implementation of  
provisions of the Federal Cybersecurity  
Enhancement Act of 2015 (H.R. 2029,  
Division N, Title II, Subtitle B, Sec.  
223), which permit and require the  
Secretary of the Department of  
Homeland Security (DHS) to provide  
Federal civilian agencies' information  
technology systems with cybersecurity  
protection for their Internet traffic. More  
details on this announcement are  
presented in the **SUPPLEMENTARY  
INFORMATION** section below.

**DATES:** These revisions become effective  
January 19, 2017.

**ADDRESSES:** Questions about this notice  
should be addressed to the Information  
Collection Review Office, Centers for  
Disease Control and Prevention, 1600  
Clifton Road NE., MS-D74, Atlanta,  
Georgia 30329.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Leroy A. Richardson by telephone at  
404-639-7570 (this is not a toll-free  
number); by email [omb@cdc.gov](mailto:omb@cdc.gov), or by  
mail Information Collection Review  
Office, Centers for Disease Control and  
Prevention, 1600 Clifton Road NE., MS-  
D74, Atlanta, Georgia 30329. Because of  
delays in the receipt of regular mail  
related to security screening,  
respondents are encouraged to use  
electronic communications.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Federal  
statistics provide key information that  
the Nation uses to measure its  
performance and make informed  
choices about budgets, employment,  
health, investments, taxes, and a host of  
other significant topics. The  
overwhelming majority of Federal  
surveys are conducted on a voluntary  
basis. Respondents, ranging from  
businesses to households to institutions,  
may choose whether or not to provide  
the requested information. Many of the  
most valuable Federal statistics come  
from surveys that ask for highly  
sensitive information such as  
proprietary business data from  
companies or particularly personal  
information or practices from  
individuals. The CDC's National Center  
for Health Statistics (NCHS) protects all  
data collected under its authority under  
the confidentiality provisions of section  
308(d) of the Public Health Service Act  
(42 U.S.C. 242m). Strong and trusted  
confidentiality and exclusively  
statistical use pledges under the  
Confidential Information Protection and  
Statistical Efficiency Act (CIPSEA) and  
similar statistical confidentiality  
pledges are effective and necessary in  
honoring the trust that businesses,  
individuals, and institutions, by their  
responses, place in statistical agencies.

Under CIPSEA and similar statistical  
confidentiality protection statutes, many  
Federal statistical agencies make  
statutory pledges that the information  
respondents provide will be seen only  
by statistical agency personnel or their  
sworn agents, and will be used only for  
statistical purposes. CIPSEA and similar  
statutes protect the confidentiality of  
information that agencies collect solely  
for statistical purposes and under a  
pledge of confidentiality. These acts  
protect such statistical information from  
administrative, law enforcement,  
taxation, regulatory, or any other non-  
statistical use and immunize the  
information submitted to statistical  
agencies from legal process. Moreover,  
many of these statutes carry criminal  
penalties of a Class E felony (fines up to  
\$250,000, or up to five years in prison,  
or both) for conviction of a knowing and  
willful unauthorized disclosure of  
covered information.

As part of the Consolidated  
Appropriations Act for Fiscal Year 2016  
signed on December 17, 2015, the  
Congress included the Federal  
Cybersecurity Enhancement Act of 2015  
(H.R. 2029, Division N, Title II, Subtitle  
B, Sec. 223). This Act, among other  
provisions, permits and requires the  
Secretary of the Department of  
Homeland Security (DHS) to provide  
Federal civilian agencies' information