

108TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 3689

To amend the Energy Employees Occupational Illness Compensation Program Act of 2000 to provide for certain additional former nuclear weapons program workers to be included in the Special Exposure Cohort under the compensation program established by that Act.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

DECEMBER 8, 2003

Mr. QUINN (for himself, Ms. SLAUGHTER, and Mr. REYNOLDS) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, and in addition to the Committee on Education and the Workforce, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

1 **SECTION 1. INCLUSION OF CERTAIN ADDITIONAL FORMER**
2 **NUCLEAR WEAPONS PROGRAM WORKERS IN**
3 **SPECIAL EXPOSURE COHORT UNDER ENERGY**
4 **EMPLOYEES OCCUPATIONAL ILLNESS COM-**
5 **PENSATION PROGRAM.**

6 (a) INCLUSION IN SPECIAL EXPOSURE COHORT.—
7 Section 3621(14) of the Energy Employees Occupational
8 Illness Compensation Program Act of 2000 (42 U.S.C.
9 7384l(14)) is amended by adding at the end the following
10 new subparagraph:

11 “(D) The employee was so employed at the
12 Bethlehem Steel plant located in Lackawanna,
13 New York, for a number of work days aggre-
14 gating at least 90 work days—

15 “(i) which were during the period be-
16 ginning on January 1, 1949, and ending
17 on the date determined by the National In-
18 stitute of Occupational Safety and Health
19 of the Department of Health and Human
20 Services to be the date as of which all re-
21 sidual radioactive material was removed
22 from the site; and

23 “(ii) during which the employee had
24 direct exposure to material (including re-
25 sidual material) that emitted radiation.”.

1 (b) DEADLINE FOR NIOSH DETERMINATION.—The
2 National Institute of Occupational Safety and Health of
3 the Department of Health and Human Services shall
4 make the determination required by clause (i) of subpara-
5 graph (D) of section 3621(14) of the Energy Employees
6 Occupational Illness Compensation Program Act of 2000,
7 as added by subsection (a), not later than 90 days after
8 the date of the enactment of this Act.

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