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Office of Worker Advocacy Procedure Manual
Energy Employees Occupational Illness Compensation Program Act

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Subject: Review Ineligibles for Newly Covered Facilities

Applicable OWA Procedure: Part 6, Case Develop.; Section 8, Establish Eligible Claimed Employment

This Bulletin will remain in effect until incorporated into the OWA Procedure Manual.

Description of Change:

This Bulletin establishes a new process for reopening and reconsidering cases that involve facilities that are added to the list of covered facilities.

Reasons for Change:

To ensure that all EEOICPA Part D applicants who were previously deemed ineligible for not working at a covered facility are reconsidered when their facility is added to the covered facility list.

Definitions:

Eligibility Verifier - Reviews cases that have been recommended ineligible and makes a final determination of case eligibility. Also prepares and distributes the letter of ineligibility to notify the applicant that a case has been determined ineligible for the program.

Action:

To Part 6, Case Development; Section 8, Establishing Eligible Claimed Employment, add item c to describe the procedure for re-entering an applicant into the system after being declared ineligible.

c. Whenever the OWA publishes in the Federal Register a list of those facilities which have been declared as covered DOE facilities, the Eligibility Verifier will check the list and search for those applicants who have been ruled ineligible because a facility was not formerly on the list of eligible DOE facilities. If a match is found, the Eligibility Verifier will submit the case for Quality Control review for re-processing. Once Quality Control verifies eligibility, the Eligibility Verifier will send a letter to the applicant containing notification that the case is being re-opened.

For the rare cases when a facility is removed from eligibility and an applicant who worked there has received a positive notice, no further action will be taken.