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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.

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, 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