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DEAR SIR:

I AM DALE D. EDMUNDS A SON OF
WHO WORKED AT
THE HUNTINGTON, W.V. PILOT PLANT, THIS
IS IN REGARDS TO CLL BEING INCLUDED AS
A RADIOGENIC CANCER UNDER THE EEOICPA.

IN 1961 MY FATHER
WAS TOLD THAT HE HAD CLL LEUKEMIA
AND THAT HE MIGHT LIVE 6 MONTHS OR A
COUPLE OF YEARS.

I REMEMBER HIM COMING HOME AT
VARIOUS TIMES WITH HIS FACE RED AND
HIS NOSE BURNING AND HE WOULD SAY THAT
THEY HAD A LEAK AT THE PILOT PLANT.

HE WORKED AS A ELECTRICIAN MAINTANCE PERSON REPLACING FILTERS, MOTORS AND OTHER SMALL BRAKEDOWNS AT THE REDUCTION POLYT PLANT.

I KNOW FOR CERTIAN THAT HE WAS IN THE R.P.P. BUILDING SEVERAL TIMES A WEEK. AT DIFFERENT TIMES HE WOULD HAVE BREATHING PROBLEMS.

I KNOW MY FATHER DID REMOVE AND REPLACE MOTORS ON THE FURNACES.

I WAS SENT TO THE R.P.P. TO HELP REMOVE WIRE AND CONDUCT, AND THE ONLY THING WE WERE TOLD WRS TO STAY AWAY FROM THE FURNACES BECAUSE THEY WERE STILL HOT.

WE WERE WORKING ONE DAY WHEN A SUPERVISOR CAME IN AND ASKED IF THE RADATION HAD BEND CHECKED AND WHEN THEY DID CHECK THE NEEDLE WENT OFF THE SCALE, AND THIS WAS AFTER THE POLYT PLANT WAS CLOSED.

I AM SURE THAT MY FATHER WORKING THERE WAS A CAUSE OF HIS CLL.

I AM SURE THE SUFFERING MY FATHER AND FAMILY WENT THROUGH WAS CAUSED BY HIS WORKING AT THE R.P.P.

THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES (HHS) IS PROPOSING TO TREAT CHRONIC LYMPHOCTIC LEUKEMIA AS A RADIOGENIC CANCER UNDER THE ENERGY EMPLOYEES OCCUPATIONAL ILLNESS COMPENSATION PROGRAM ACT OF 2000.

I UNDERSTAND ALL TYPES OF CANCERS EXCEPT CHRONIC LYMPHOCTIC LEUKEMIA ARE COVERED DIAGNOSIS. WHY? PLEASE REVERSE YOUR DECISION.

MY FATHER GAVE HIS LIFE FOR HIS COUNTRY BY WORKING AT THE R.P.P.

YOURS TRULY,

Dale D. Edmunds