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Please accept these comments to be included in the Public docket for 42 CFR, Part 83, Special Exposure Cohort.

I am asking that strong consideration and approval be given to add the Hanford Fire Department and all of its members as a Special Exposure Cohort.

I believe that Hanford Firefighters hired before 1985 should be added under Section 42 CFR Part 83 as a Special Exposure Cohort group; as there cannot possibly be accurate records for these people in regard to their radiation exposures while performing their duties at the Department of Energy's site in Hanford Washington.

It is well known that prior to 1985 and even after, that firefighters wore there dosimeter cards under there bunker coats on an emergency. And that there were times when clothing and equipment may have been exposed with no record to document if the employee had an exposure.

These emergency service personnel who dedicated themselves to protecting the government's interest, property and public on a 24 hour a day basis 7 days a week deserve the benefit of doubt when it comes to any potential exposure they may have experienced while performing there jobs.

So please make sure that all of these emergency services workers who have filed claims and my file later receive special attention as they have been and still are providing the best loyal service they can to the United States Government and to the surrounding communities and public.

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