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(Buffalo, NY, November 9, 2001) - - A dozen plants in Western New York are named on a list under a new Federal Compensation Plan.

The U.S. Department of Energy is expanding it's program to compensate workers who may have suffered from radiation they were unknowingly exposed to during the Cold War Era while working on defense contracts.

The proposal would pay workers a lump sum of \$150,000 or compensation for lost wages, and provide payment of medical expenses.

You may be eligible if you worked at one of the following area plants during the Cold War:

BETHLEHEM STEEL- Lackawanna

ASHLAND OIL- Tonawanda

SEAWAY INDUSTRIAL PARK- Tonawanda

PRAXAIR- Tonawanda & Buffalo

UTICA STREET WAREHOUSE- Buffalo

BLISS AND LAUGHLIN STEEL- South Buffalo

HOOKER ELECTROCHEMICAL- Niagara Falls

UNION CARBIDE'S ELECTROMET- Niagara Falls

TITANIUM ALLOYS MANUFACTURING- Niagara Falls

THE LAKE ONTARIO ORDINANCE WORKS- Lewiston

SIMONDS SAW AND STEEL- Lockport

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