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The Federal regulations December 2006, OWCP determined that to satisfy the Part E statute requirement significant factor means any factor

There also appears that the IH's report is stating the level of exposure which is not what the regulations inform OWCP to consider. OWCP (DEEOIC) "will consider the nature, frequency, and duration" it is arbitrary as to the nature of the job tasks or the nature of the toxic substance; the frequency of the exposure to the toxic substance and the duration of exposure.

The toxic substance addresses and is defined as any material that has the POTENTIAL because of the radiological nature, and/or chemical nature, and/or biological nature.....

The "level of exposure" is a moot issue under this compensation program's binding law. Low level but chronic exposure will aggravate an illness. Direct exposure or indirect exposure will contribute to the illness.

The DEEOIC must follow the statute and the federal regulations which are binding and if the law has defined an issue, then it is not up to interpretation which is policy and is not binding.