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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Federal Crop Insurance Corporation

7 CFR Part 457

Common Crop Insurance Regulations; Sugarcane Crop Insurance Provisions

AGENCY: Federal Crop Insurance Corporation, USDA.

ACTION: Final rule; correction.

SUMMARY: This document contains corrections to the final rule, Common Crop Insurance Regulations; Sugarcane Crop Insurance Provisions that the Federal Crop Insurance Corporation published in the **Federal Register** on Friday, July 12, 2002 (67 FR 46093–46096).

EFFECTIVE DATE: August 14, 2002.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On page 46093, in the first column, under Summary, the year 2003 should read 2004, and on page 46095, in the second column, under Section 457.116, Sugarcane crop insurance provisions, introductory text, the year 2003 should read 2004. These changes are needed because the final rule was published after the contract change date for the 2003 crop year.

Signed in Washington DC, on August 7, 2002.

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Administrator, Federal Crop Insurance Corporation.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

10 CFR Part 852

RIN 1901–AA90

Guidelines for Physician Panel Determinations on Worker Requests for Assistance in Filing for State Workers' Compensation Benefits

AGENCY: Department of Energy.

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: The Department of Energy (DOE) is today publishing a final rule providing procedures to implement Part D of the Energy Employees Occupational Illness Compensation Program Act of 2000 under which a DOE contractor employee or an employee's estate or survivor can seek assistance from the DOE Office of Worker Advocacy (Program Office) in filing a claim with the appropriate State workers' compensation system based on an illness or death that arose out of exposure to a toxic substance during the course of employment at a DOE facility. These procedures deal with how: (1) An individual may submit an application to the Program Office for review and assistance; (2) the Program Office determines whether to submit an application to a Physician Panel; (3) a Physician Panel determines whether the illness or death of a DOE contractor employee arose out of and in the course of employment by a DOE contractor and through exposure to a toxic substance at a DOE facility; (4) the Program Office processes a determination by a Physician Panel; and (5) appeals may be undertaken.

EFFECTIVE DATE: September 13, 2002.

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I. Introduction

Part A of the Energy Employees Occupational Illness Compensation Program Act of 2000 ("the Act") (42 U.S.C. 7384, *et seq.*) establishes a program for compensating covered DOE and DOE contractor employees, as well as covered employees of certain private companies that did work for DOE and its predecessor agencies, including work involved in nuclear weapons production (Part A program). Covered workers with certain illnesses, including chronic beryllium disease, radiation-induced cancers, and silicosis, may be eligible for specified Federal benefits under the Part A program. Executive Order 13179 (65 FR 77487, December 7, 2000) assigns the Department of Labor (DOL) primary responsibility for that program. Workers with illnesses eligible for compensation under the Part A program, as well as workers with illnesses not eligible for the Part A program, may also apply to their respective State workers' compensation systems if they wish to receive benefits not provided by the Federal compensation system, notably lost wages and benefits for permanent partial disability.

Part D of the Act (42 U.S.C. 7385) authorizes the Secretary of Energy to enter into an agreement with each State to provide assistance to a DOE contractor employee in filing a claim under that State's workers' compensation system for an illness caused by exposure to a toxic substance at a DOE facility ("State Agreement"). An applicant can submit an application to the Program Office at DOE for assistance in filing a claim with that State's workers' compensation system. If the application comes within the terms and conditions of the relevant State Agreement and contains reasonable evidence that the illness or death of a covered worker may be related to employment at a DOE facility, then DOE must submit the application to a Physician Panel established under the