

110TH CONGRESS  
2D SESSION

# H. R. 6019

To amend the Energy Employees Occupational Illness Compensation Program Act of 2000 to grant Special Exposure Cohort designation to a specific group of individuals from a Department of Energy facility in Los Alamos, New Mexico.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 8, 2008

Mr. UDALL of New Mexico introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, and in addition to the Committee on Education and Labor, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

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## A BILL

To amend the Energy Employees Occupational Illness Compensation Program Act of 2000 to grant Special Exposure Cohort designation to a specific group of individuals from a Department of Energy facility in Los Alamos, New Mexico.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Ray Ruiz Special Ex-  
5 posure Cohort Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. INCLUSION OF CERTAIN LOS ALAMOS EMPLOYEES.**

2 (a) AMENDMENT.—Section 3621(14) of the Energy  
3 Employees Occupational Illness Compensation Program  
4 Act of 2000 (42 U.S.C. 7384l(14)) is amended by adding  
5 at the end the following new subparagraph:

6 “(D) The employee was so employed by the  
7 Department of Energy or a Department of En-  
8 ergy contractor or subcontractor for a number  
9 of work days aggregating at least 250 work  
10 days at the Los Alamos site in New Mexico.”.

11 (b) AUTHORITY TO REAPPLY.—A claim that an indi-  
12 vidual qualifies, by reason of section 3621(14)(D) of the  
13 Energy Employees Occupational Illness Compensation  
14 Program Act of 2000, as added by subsection (a), for com-  
15 pensation or benefits under such Act shall be considered  
16 for compensation or benefits notwithstanding any denial  
17 of any other claim for compensation with respect to such  
18 individual.

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