

INSTRUCTIONS FOR DETERMINING SOE UNDER THE 2002 TDP

In compliance with the 2002 Trust Distribution Process (TDP), all claimants must demonstrate a minimum exposure to an asbestos-containing Manville product prior to December 31, 1982 together with additional asbestos exposure requirements where applicable.

For a claimant to qualify for Disease Levels III, IV, V, and VII the claimant must meet the requirements for Significant Occupational Exposure (SOE). SOE is not required for Disease Levels I, II, VI, and VIII. SOE means employment for a cumulative period of at least five years, in an industry and an occupation in which the claimant:

- (i) handled raw asbestos fibers on a regular basis;
- (ii) fabricated asbestos-containing products so that the claimant in the fabrication process was exposed on a regular basis to raw asbestos fibers;
- (iii) altered, repaired or otherwise worked with an asbestos –containing product such that the claimant was exposed on a regular basis to asbestos fibers; or
- (iv) was employed in an industry and occupation such that the claimant worked on a regular basis within 10-20 feet of workers engaged in the activities described in (i) (ii) and /or (iii). As used here, “regular basis” means every workday for a substantial part of the workday.

The Occupation and Industry chart identifies the occupations and industries that when paired, (placed together) meet the requirements for Significant Occupational Exposure. For example, on a regular basis, a boiler worker alters, and repairs products that contain asbestos fibers (SOE (iii)). All industry names appear at the top of the chart and a list of the occupations are shown on the left. A “1” represents an SOE match between the industry and the occupation. Using our same example, a boiler worker in the Iron & Steel Industry, first look for that occupation and then go across the line until you find the industry that you are looking for (Iron & Steel). If a “1” appears inside of the block then you know that the occupation and industry together meet the requirements for SOE.

Before submitting a request for SOE, please make certain that the claimant meets the requirements for SOE. For paper filers, the Proof of Claim Form must be completed in its entirety and signed by the claimant or the person filing on behalf of the claimant. If the claimant is represented by counsel, counsel must also sign.

For e-Filers, a completed and signed SOE affidavit must be provided at the time the claim file is submitted. Claims will not be accepted without complete information.

If you are requesting a disease level that requires SOE and the industry and occupation do not automatically qualify for SOE, contact Donita Snow at dsn timer@claimsres.com.

Please call our Help Line at 1(800) 536- 2722, with any questions that you may have.