

Notice to All USG Trust Filers:

The USG Trust has decided to amend the POC (Proof of Claim) with respect to proof of company exposure.

The new POC will not contain a Question 7 in *Part 3, Proof of Company Exposure*. In other words, once the injured person's exposure at a USG/APG site has been established in the response to Question 1, no further company exposure proof will be required, unless the injured person worked in a trade not ordinarily associated with asbestos exposure, thus requiring further explanation of how company exposure occurred.

Hereafter, as a general rule, it will be sufficient for a claimant to show that the injured party worked at a site where USG or APG asbestos products were previously or simultaneously used or where asbestos activities were previously or simultaneously conducted. The exposure still must satisfy any durational requirements in the TDP that may apply, depending on the injured person's disease. Moreover, to qualify under expedited review, exposure to USG products or activities still must have occurred prior to December 31, 1982 and exposure to APG products or activities still must have occurred prior to January 2, 1968.

Under the new POC, a claimant can prove company exposure three ways: (1) by identifying a site on the approved USG or APG site lists where claimant worked, at any time prior to December 31, 1982 (USG) or January 2, 1968 (APG); (2) by providing an affidavit of a coworker, or other ID proof such as invoices, depositions, or other evidence as described in the claim form and claim instructions, showing use of company product or activities at a site where the injured party simultaneously or subsequently worked; or (3) by providing an affidavit by the injured party establishing company exposure.

In the event the injured party worked in a trade not ordinarily associated with asbestos exposure, and if no adequate description of exposure is provided in response to Question 6 in Part C, the DCPF may issue a notice calling for a description of how the injured party's company exposure occurred.

The new POC will not be available for several weeks. In the meantime, claimants may submit POC's with Question 7 left blank. In addition, previously rejected POC's will be re-processed and approved if the sole basis for rejection was an inadequate response to Question 7, provided the injured party's trade was not of the type requiring further explanation of how company exposure occurred.