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On August 14, 2006 Workers' Compensation Law (WCL) Article 8-A took effect. This new legislation expanded the time to file a claim for workers' compensation benefits for volunteers or employees who suffered or who may suffer a qualifying condition resulting from exposure to hazardous substances while participating in the rescue, recovery, and/or clean up operations involving the World Trade Center attack.

The rescue, recovery, and/or clean up operations must have taken place between September 11, 2001 and September 12, 2002 at one or more of the following locations: the World Trade Center site, the Fresh Kills Land Fill, the temporary morgues set up on Manhattan's West side, and the barges traveling between Manhattan and Fresh Kills Land Fill.

Under this new legislation, any participant involved in the rescue, recovery, and/or clean-up during the specified period at the above sites may protect his/her right to lost wage and medical benefits by filing with the Board (WCL 5 162) a sworn statement, Form WTC-12, between August 14, 2006 and August 14, 2007. Only participants who register by filing a sworn statement during this time period will be protected.

If any participant has already filed a claim for a qualifying condition resulting from exposure to hazardous substances, the legislation-permits the Board to reopen and reconsider those claims which have been previously denied as untimely.

In order for your claim to be considered or reconsidered under this new legislation, **you must complete the Sworn Statement (Registration of Participation in World Trade Center Rescue, Recovery and/or Clean-up Operations) and return it to the Board before August 14, 2007.** If you do not return the Sworn Statement by that date, your claim cannot be considered or reconsidered under this new legislation.

If you have any questions, you may contact the Advocate for Injured Workers at 1-800-580-6665.

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