



441 G St. N.W.
Washington, DC 20548

June 22, 2017

The Honorable Virginia Foxx
Chairwoman, Committee on Education and the Workforce
House of Representatives

Dear Madam Chairwoman:

Thank you for your letter, jointly signed by Representative Joe Wilson, requesting that the Government Accountability Office review the Energy Employees Occupational Illness Compensation Program Part E claims and issues involving reopened cases.

GAO accepts your request as work that is within the scope of its authority. At the current time we anticipate that staff with the required skills will be available to initiate an engagement in about three months. Your request has been assigned to Ms. Barbara D. Bovbjerg, Managing Director, Education, Workforce, and Income Security. Closer to the time GAO can start the engagement, Ms. Bovbjerg or a member of her team will contact Mr. Joe Wheeler or Ms. Molly Salmi to confirm that this request continues to be your priority for us. As applicable, we will also be in contact with the cognizant Inspector General's office to ensure that we are not duplicating efforts. If an issue arises during this coordination, we will consult with you regarding its resolution.

If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Bovbjerg at 202-512-5491 or bovbjergb@gao.gov, or Mr. David Lewis, Assistant Director, Congressional Relations, on my staff at 202-512-7176 or lewisd@gao.gov.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Katherine Siggerud".

Katherine Siggerud
Managing Director
Congressional Relations

cc: Mr. Joe Wheeler
Ms. Molly Salmi

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