

AN UPDATE FROM THE SPECIAL MASTER

On July 3, 2006, the Special Master sent a list to the Department of Energy containing information on 491 claimants whose ACH Vendor forms (or equivalent forms) and disclaimer forms were received by him on or before July 1, 2006. This list was sent in the form of an Excel Data base which, by agreement with the DOE will permit a direct upload into their accounting system. This ability to upload without data entry will speed up payment by that department. However, there is no way for the Special Master to predict when that payment will take place at this time.

A list showing the 35 claimants whose information was not received by July 1 has been prepared and has been placed on the KMK web site (www.kmklaw.com then go to practice areas then litigation then class actions)

A second data base will be sent to the DOE in approximately thirty-five days, and will include all necessary information for persons whose documents are received by the Special Master by August 1, 2006.

For numerous reasons, hearings for Tracts 13, E9 and E 24 have been set for August 18, 2006 at the United States Federal District Courthouse in Santa Fe.