

# 10-Year Program Review Update

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# Concerning Dose Reconstruction

- DCAS continues to work with the Subcommittee on Dose Reconstruction Reviews on Dose Reconstruction (DR) Quality Assurance/Quality Control issues
- DCAS has implemented a blind review process to provide for routine evaluation of DR quality
- DCAS is evaluating selected DR review findings to attempt to determine reasons for findings
- DCAS has eliminated certain overestimating techniques when it could be accomplished in a cost-effective manner

# Concerning Quality of Service

- DCAS has revised communication products (letters and Fact Sheets) to make them more readily understandable (Plain Language)
- White Papers and other supporting documents are posted on the DCAS Web site in time for Work Group meetings when they are discussed
- DCAS has modified the Board page of the Web site to facilitate navigation

# Concerning Timeliness

- **DCAS provides incentives for its dose reconstruction contractor to complete 90% of initial claims within 5 months of receiving all the claim data (down from 6 months in previous period)**
- **DCAS provides incentives for its dose reconstruction contractor to complete 90% of rework claims within 60 days of receipt when additional data is not needed**

# Concerning SEC Petitions

- DCAS is reviewing recent HHS decisions in order to draft a common understanding of “sufficient accuracy”
- DCAS has not been able to sort SEC decisions into “scientific” and “policy” decisions, but it is drafting documents that make SEC Evaluation Report decisions more transparent

# Concerning Quality of Science

- DCAS and ORAU are developing a process for minimizing inconsistencies between documents
- DCAS is using Savannah River Site claim data to conduct a validation exercise for our approach to coworker modeling
- In order to better characterize “claimant favorability,” DCAS is evaluating the impact of claimant favorable practices described in the special edition of the Health Physics Journal

# 10-Year Review Progress Reporting

DCAS will implement a 10-Year Review page on the DCAS Web site that includes the reports from the 10-year review, the follow up action items from the review, and periodic progress reports on those action items in response to those recommendations