

THE NEED FOR PROGRAM EVALUATION REPORTS (PERs)

Understanding the Need for Program Evaluation Reports (PERs)

- Large body of guidance documents, workbooks, etc. was developed to support dose reconstruction (DR).
- These elements in DR may change due to revisions, new information, code improvements, etc.
- In response to such revision(s), NIOSH issues a PER to evaluate the effect on previously completed DRs.
- A Program Evaluation Plan (PEP) may also be issued to formally notify of an impending PER.
- This process is proceduralized in OCAS-PR-008.

The PER Audit Process

Each PER is subject to a formal SC&A review, including five subtasks:

- Subtask 1: Assess NIOSH “issue” evaluation and potential DR impacts .
- Subtask 2: Assess NIOSH specific methods for corrective action.
- Subtask 3: Evaluate the PER’s stated approach and criteria for identifying and selecting potentially affected DRs for reevaluation.
- Subtask 4 (2-Step Process) :
 - Define a recommended number of DRs affected by the PER and reassessed by NIOSH for SC&A’s review.
 - Subcommittee selects cases for review, and SC&A conducts audit of selected DRs.
- Subtask 5: SC&A prepares a supplemental report that contains the results of the review of DRs selected under Subtask 4.