

# NIOSH Program Update

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# Program News

- Impacts from budget and funding situation
- Personnel actions
- Outreach activities
- Change to Pacific Northwest National Laboratory (PNNL) facility description

# PNNL Facility Description Change

- Original covered period was 1965 to present
- Research showed from 1965-2004 PNNL activities conducted at Hanford and not at a separate facility
- In May 2013, DOL and DOE revised site descriptions for Hanford and PNNL
- Dose reconstruction (DR) guidance and DOL's administration of Hanford Special Exposure Cohort both consistent with new site definitions

# Overall Initial Claim Information

(as of September 30, 2013)

- 40,365 cases have been referred to NIOSH for DR
- 38,201 (95%) cases have been returned to DOL
  - Cases submitted with a DR report **33,604**
  - Cases currently pulled from DR by DOL **1,319**
  - Cases currently pulled from DR for SEC **3,278**
- 1,490 (4%) cases remained at NIOSH for dose reconstruction
- 674 (1%) cases were administratively closed

# Overview of Active Cases

(as of September 30, 2013)

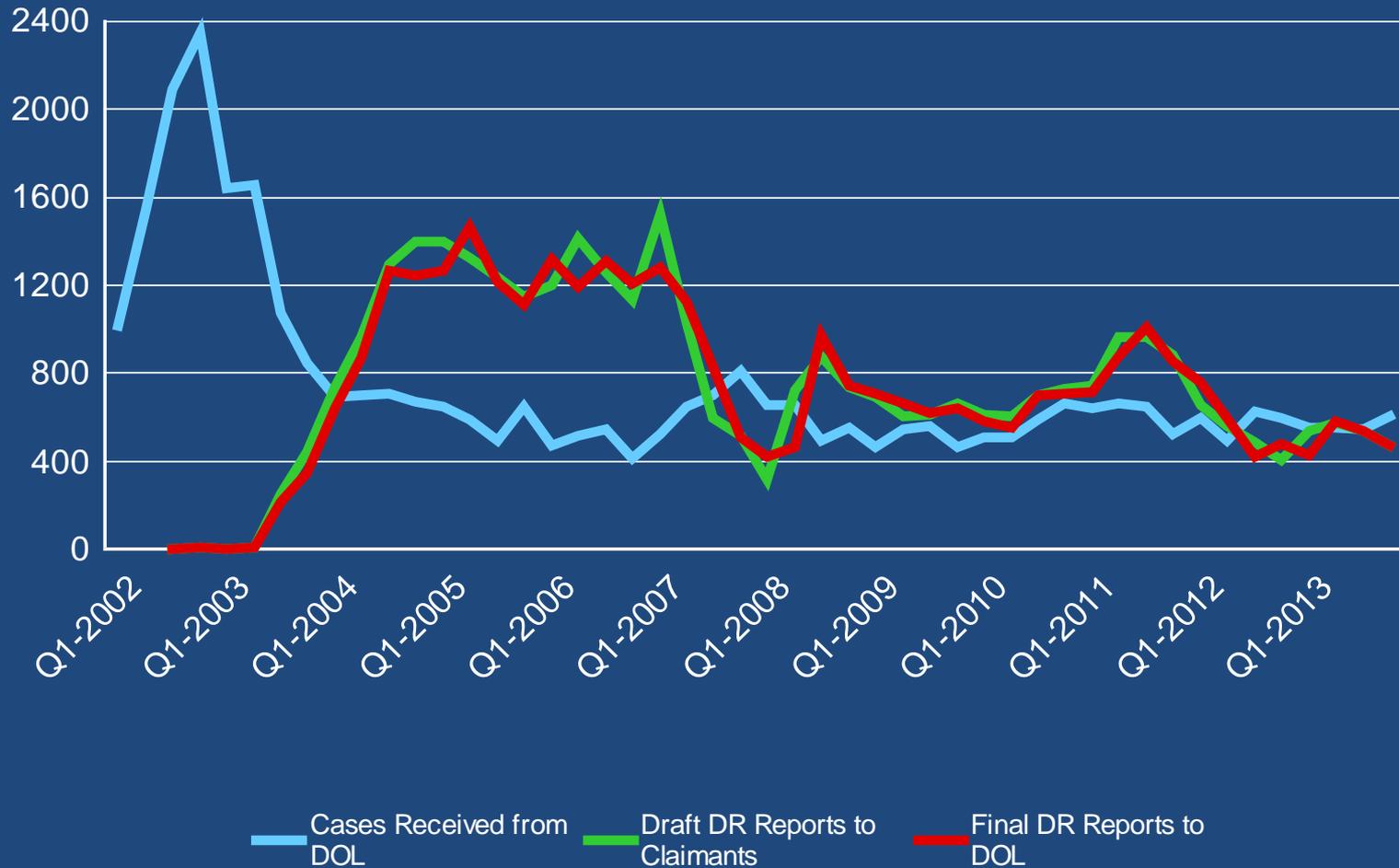
- Of the 1,490 cases remaining at NIOSH for DR:
  - 303 cases in the dose reconstruction process
  - 242 initial draft dose reconstruction reports in the hands of claimants, and NIOSH is awaiting the return of the OCAS-1 form
  - 945 cases in development for dose reconstruction

# Probability of Causation (PoC) Summary for Completed DRs (as of September 30, 2012)

- Of the 33,604 DRs sent back to DOL for final adjudication:
  - 9,592 cases had a PoC  $\geq$  50%
  - 24,012 cases had a PoC  $<$  50%

# Submittals vs. Production

(as of September 30, 2013)



— Cases Received from DOL

— Draft DR Reports to Claimants

— Final DR Reports to DOL

# Status of First 5,000 Claims

(as of September 30, 2013)

- **4,884 claims at DOL**
  - 263 pulled for DOL issues
  - 390 pulled for SEC
  - 4,231 submitted with DR
  
- **97 claims at NIOSH**
  - 82 administratively closed
  - 4 DRs with claimants (DOL reworks/reinstated within past year)
  - 11 DRs in process (DOL reworks/reinstated within past year)
  
- **19 claim numbers deleted**

# Status of First 10,000 Claims

(as of September 30, 2013)

- **9,785 claims at DOL**
  - 442 pulled for DOL issues
  - 1,017 pulled for SEC
  - 8,326 submitted with DR
  
- **185 claims at NIOSH**
  - 151 administratively closed
  - 6 DRs with claimants (2 initial; 4 DOL reworks within past year)
  - 28 DRs in process (6 initial; 22 DOL reworks within past year)
  
- **30 claim numbers deleted**

# DOE Response to Requests for Exposure Records

(as of October 9, 2013)

- Number of outstanding requests 221
- Outstanding requests > 60 days 43

# SEC Summary Table

(October 9, 2013)

■ Petitions received		<b>215</b>
■ Petitions in qualification process		<b>1</b>
■ Petitions qualified for evaluation		<b>131</b>
• NIOSH evaluation in progress	<b>1</b>	
• NIOSH evaluation completed	<b>130</b>	
– SEC Evaluation Reports with the Advisory Board for recommendation	<b>8</b>	
■ Petitions not qualifying for evaluation		<b>83</b>

**Note:** Petitions not qualifying include five petitions received prior to the rule becoming final and Petition 34 where the site was de-listed.

# Special Exposure Cohort Summary

(October 9, 2013)

- 102 SEC classes have been added since May 2005
  - 58 (57%) through the 83.13 process
  - 44 (43%) through the 83.14 process
- 21 SEC classes have been denied since May 2005
- 3 SEC classes are under HHS administrative review
- Represents classes of workers from 73 sites
- Represents 4,251 potential claims (returned to DOL on final effect date)
  - 3,278 claims at DOL after being pulled for SEC