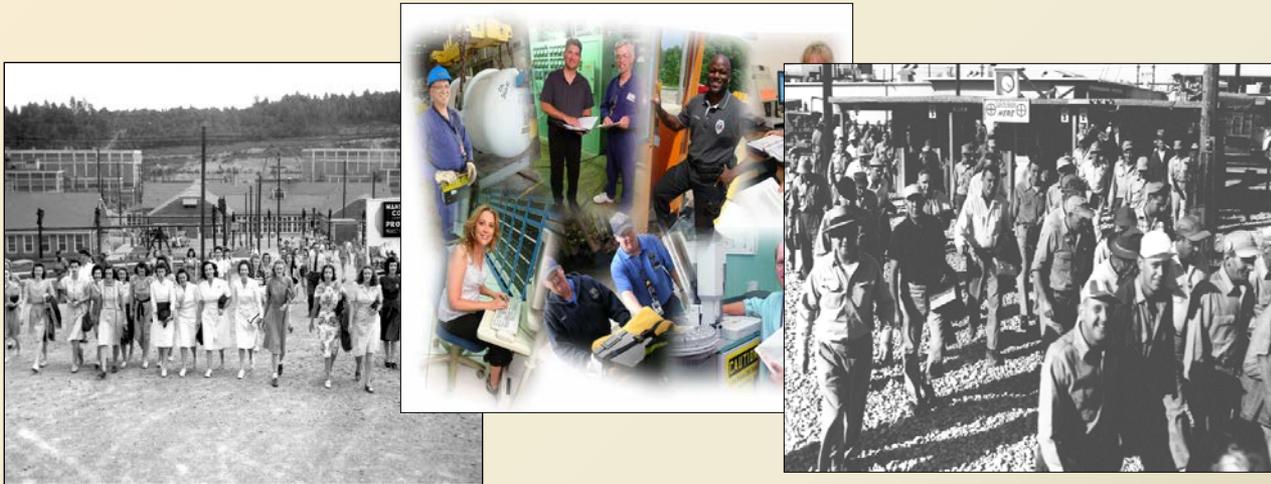




# Department of Energy Support to the Energy Employees Occupational Illness Compensation Program Act (EEOICPA)



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# DOE's Core Mandate



Work on behalf of the program claimants to ensure that all available worker and facility records and data are provided to DOL, NIOSH, and the Advisory Board.



# DOE Responsibilities



1. Respond via the SERT system to DOL and NIOSH requests for information related to individual claims. (employment verification, exposure records).
2. Provide support and assistance to DOL, NIOSH, and Advisory Board on large-scale research and site characterization projects through records research and retrieval efforts at various DOE sites.
3. Conduct research, in coordination with DOL and NIOSH, on issues related to covered facilities designations.



# EEOICPA Site Contacts



- DOE EEOICPA Site POCs:
  - Coordinate all research activities with NIOSH, Advisory Board, DOL and various contractors;
  - Set up site visits and tours for NIOSH and DOL staff as well as other groups;
  - Work with both DOL and NIOSH to identify site subject matter experts and to facilitate interviews with current and former workers;
  - Manage site's response to individual records requests. Ensure DOE responses are complete and timely; and
  - Onsite source of EEOICPA information to workers.



# Individual Records



Fund and coordinate records retrieval activities at DOE sites in support of individual claims.

- Employment verifications for DOL (~6,000/year)
- Dose records for NIOSH (~4,500/year)
- Document Acquisition Requests (DAR) employee work history/exposures for DOL  
(~5,500/year)



# Individual Records (cont.)



- Claimants often worked at multiple DOE sites, for multiple contractors and subcontractors, and in different jobs or divisions over a career.
- Records packages that DOE provides to DOL and NIOSH can be hundreds of pages long.



# Individual Records (cont.)



- For a typical request for a worker's records, DOE may have to go to many different site departments and within those departments many different records sources or databases.
- For example, one DOE site routinely checks approximately 40 different sources for responsive records, including hard copy paper records, microfilm, microfiche, databases and scanned electronic records.



# Large Scale Research Projects



- Large scale research projects are driven by the needs of DOL and NIOSH.
  - DOE must react and accommodate the requests within existing funding.
- These projects can take years and can cost hundreds of thousands of dollars to support.



# Large Scale Research Projects (cont.)



- Kansas City Plant
- Hanford
- Pacific Northwest National Laboratory
- Savannah River Site
- Sandia National Lab
- Los Alamos National Lab
- Idaho National Lab
- ETEC – Santa Susanna Field Lab Area IV



# Large Scale Research Projects (cont.)



- Tour of the Santa Susanna Field Lab
  - Members of the Advisory Board, NIOSH, DOL, SC&A, ORAU
  - Similar to tours we have facilitated at many other DOE sites
  - Provides a first hand look at the layout, facilities, buildings, current state, etc.



# Document Reviews



- DOE committed to providing documents to NIOSH, DOL, and the Advisory Board, but must do so in a responsible manner.
- The DOE EEOICPA Security Plan link:  
[http://energy.gov/sites/prod/files/2013/10/f4/HSS Security Plan EEOICPA.pdf](http://energy.gov/sites/prod/files/2013/10/f4/HSS_Security_Plan_EEOICPA.pdf)



# Document Reviews (cont.)



- The average turn around time for review and released documents is typically about 8 work days.
- In certain cases where an expedited review is necessary, DOE has returned documents in one to two days.



# Facility Research



## Research and maintain the Covered Facilities Database

- Database of **over 300 facilities covered** under EEOICPA. This includes DOE facilities, AWEs and Beryllium Vendors whose employees are eligible for benefits under EEOICP.
- Full listing on the DOE HSS website:  
<https://ehss.energy.gov/Search/Facility/findfacility.aspx>



# Secure Electronic Records Transfer (SERT) System



- The SERT is an EHSS-hosted environment where DOL, NIOSH and DOE can send and receive records and data in a secure manner. SERT was fully rolled out to all DOE, DOL and NIOSH staff on October 16, 2012.
- The system reduces the time to complete EEOICPA claims and enhances the protection of PII information.
- The system has been very successful.



# Outreach



- Initiated a Joint Outreach Task Group that includes DOE, DOL and NIOSH, along with the DOL Ombudsman and the DOE Former Worker Medical Screening Programs.
- Established goal of creating a workgroup is to coordinate and improve outreach efforts between the agencies.
- Completed JOTG Video – Recently made available online at: <http://energy.gov/ehss/joint-outreach-task-group-video-series>



# Former Worker Medical Screening Program



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- Mission: To identify and notify former workers at risk for occupational disease and offer them medical screening that can lead to treatment.
- Program now serves **all** former workers from **all** DOE sites in locations close to their residences.
- Further information on the FWP can be found at:
  - <http://energy.gov/ehss/services/worker-health-and-safety/former-worker-medical-screening-program>



# Former Worker Medical Screening Program



For the Los Angeles Area facilities:

- National Supplemental Screening Program (NSSP)
  - ✓ Production workers
  - ✓ 1-866-812-6703 or <http://www.ornl.gov/nssp>
  
- Building Trades National Medical Screening Program (BTMed)
  - ✓ Construction workers
  - ✓ 1-800-866-9663 or [www.btmed.org](http://www.btmed.org)



Questions?