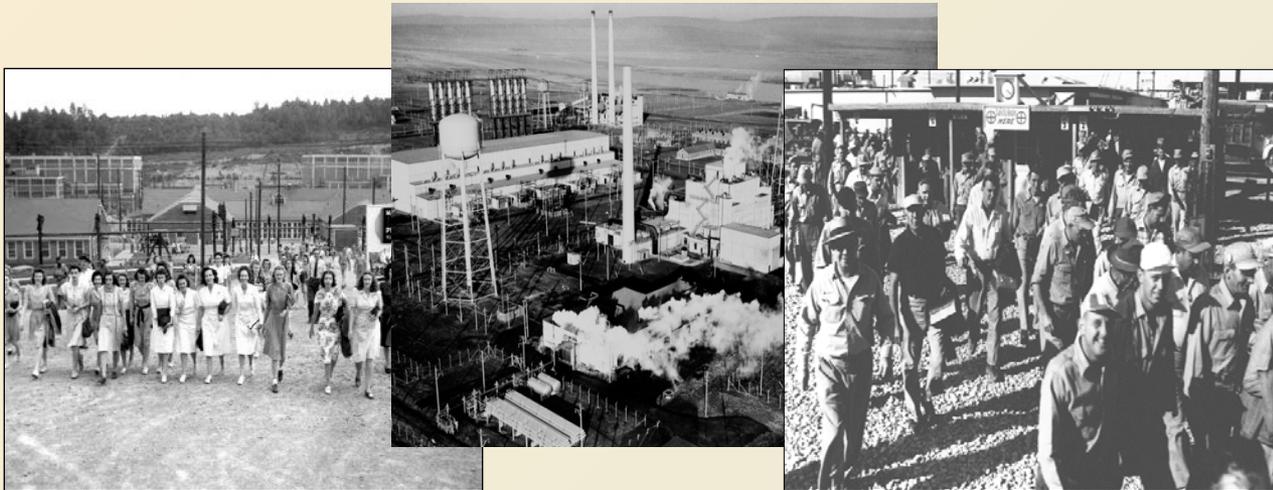




Department of Energy Support to the Energy Employees Occupational Illness Compensation Program Act (EEOICPA)



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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



- Respond via the SERT system to DOL and NIOSH requests for information related to individual claims. (employment verification, exposure records).
- 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.
- 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, Advisory Board, DOL 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
 - Provide onsite 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.
- 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 accommodates all requests.
- These projects can take years.



Large Scale Research Projects (cont.)



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



Support to Hanford/PNNL SEC



- Approximately 140 data capture requests (Hanford, PNNL and other locations).
- 84 separate data capture trips (includes scanning team).
- 740 boxes reviewed (approximately 1.5M pages).
- 71,085 keyword searches (4,739 searches done on 15 separate systems).
- 5,628 cleared documents provided.
- 103 interviews of current or retired employees conducted.



Records Indexing Hanford/PNNL



INDEXING COMPLETED

- 700,000 items indexed (many duplicates on same individual)
 - 500 record boxes of personnel records completed
 - DuPont personnel records located in Oak Ridge (approximately 5,000)
 - GE locator cards indexed (indicates record box locations ~80,000)
 - Craft card collection 1 (60,000) – employment cards for craft workers from 1960-1970 time frame (captured contractor names as well – mainly small companies)



Records Indexing Hanford/PNNL (cont.)



INDEXING COMPLETED

- Craft card collection 2 (25,000) – craft workers from 1943 – 2013 indexed and scanned (captured contractor names as well)
- Historical monthly reports (captured contractor names as well)
- Historical workers comp records
- Historical phone books (from 1943)



Document Reviews



- DOE committed to providing documents to NIOSH, DOL, and the Advisory Board, but must do so in a responsible manner.
- 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 can be found at:
<https://ehss.energy.gov/Search/Facility/findfacility.aspx>



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.
- Goal of creating a workgroup is to coordinate and improve outreach efforts between the agencies.
- Completed JOTG Video –available online at:
<http://energy.gov/ehss/joint-outreach-task-group-video-series>



Former Worker Medical Screening Program



Former Worker Medical Screening Program



- 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 Hanford and PNNL:

- 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



Questions?