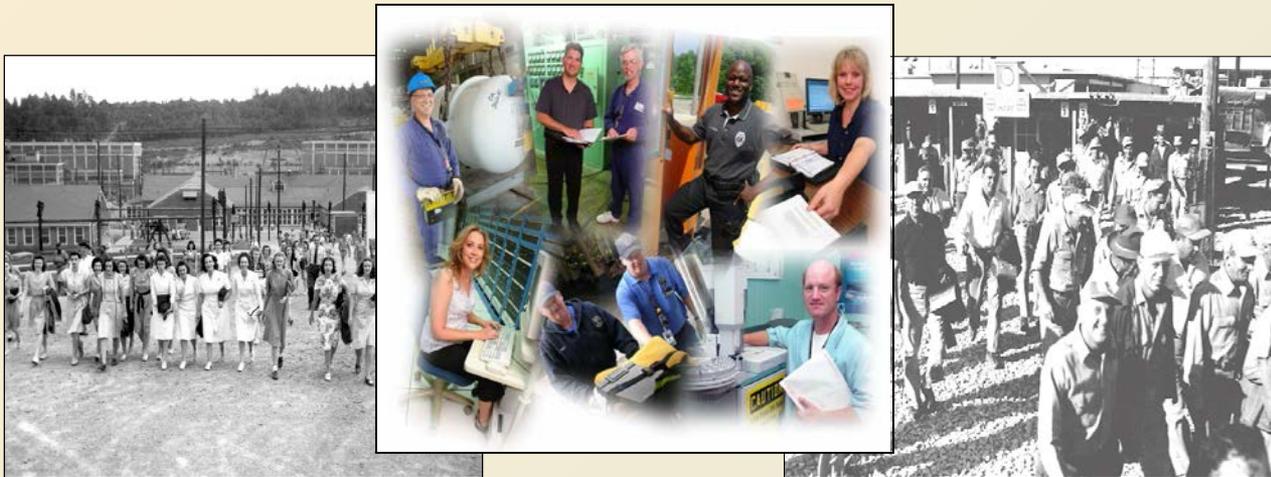




# Department of Energy Support to the Energy Employees Occupational Illness Compensation Program Act (EEOICPA)



Office of Environment, Health, Safety and Security

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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
- Oak Ridge National Lab



# Savannah River Site



- In May, SRS sent approximately 10 cubic feet of documents to DOE HQ (Germantown) .
- SC&A staff member was given an account on the DOE classified computer network to access the SRS documents.
- On June 15th, SC&A staff member visited DOE HQ (Germantown) and was provided access to a DOE classified computer terminal to review the SRS documents.
- The SRS documents are on the SC&A staff member's classified DOE computer account. Access for additional individuals can be arranged with prior notice.



# LANL Occupational Radiation Protection Program Implementation of 10 CFR 835 1995-2005



- Reviewed a number of documents and datasets including Type A and Type B accident investigations, oversight and enforcement reports, NTS reports, and safety evaluations and assessments.
- These reports identified some implementation weaknesses with regard to meeting radiation protection program requirement.



# LANL Radiation Protection Records



- Due to the complexity of the issue, NIOSH is currently working with LANL to set up a site visit.
- Specific documents and types of documents have been identified by NIOSH.
- LANL will retrieve documents and support NIOSH review team during the site visit.



# 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



- Continued to participate in all Joint Outreach Task Group meetings that include DOE, DOL and NIOSH, along with the DOL Ombudsman and the DOE Former Worker Medical Screening Programs.
- Completed JOTG Video –available online at:  
<http://energy.gov/ehss/joint-outreach-task-group-video-series>



# 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.
- Published an annual report.
- Further information on the FWP can be found at:
  - <http://energy.gov/ehss/services/worker-health-and-safety/former-worker-medical-screening-program>



# FWP

## Idaho National Laboratory



- Worker Health Protection Program (WHPP) and United Steelworkers (USW)
  - ✓ Production workers
  - ✓ 1-888-241-1199 or <http://www.worker-health.org>
- Building Trades National Medical Screening Program (BTMed) and the Center for Construction Research and Training (CPWR)
  - ✓ Construction and subcontractor workers
  - ✓ 1-800-866-9663 or [www.btmed.org](http://www.btmed.org)
- National Supplemental Screening Program (NSSP)
  - ✓ All workers
  - ✓ 1-866-812-6703 or <http://www.ornl.gov/nssp/>



Questions?