



# 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 hardcopy 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.)



- Pinellas
- Kansas City Plant
- Hanford
- Pacific Northwest National Lab
- Savannah River Site
- Sandia National Lab
- Los Alamos National Lab
- Idaho National Lab
- Lawrence Livermore National Lab
- Oak Ridge National Lab



# Document Reviews



- DOE committed to providing documents to NIOSH, DOL, and the Advisory Board, but must do so in a responsible manner.
- The average turnaround 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 1-2 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 Pinellas



- The Center for Construction Research and Training through the Building Trade National Medical Screening Program (CPWR/BTMed)
  - ✓ Construction workers
  - ✓ 1-800-866-9663 or 1-866-460-0628 or <http://www.btmed.org>
- National Supplemental Screening Program (NSSP)
  - ✓ Production workers
  - ✓ 1-866-812-6703 or <http://www.orau.org/nssp/>



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