



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.)



- Hanford
- Pacific Northwest National Lab
- Savannah River Site
- Nevada Test Site (Nevada National Security Site)
- Sandia 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 Idaho



- 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



Questions?