



# 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.



# Individual Records

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

- Employment verifications for DOL (~7,000/year)
- Dose records for NIOSH (~4,000/year)
- Document Acquisition Requests (DAR) employee work history/exposures for DOL (~7,000/year)



# Size of Records Packages

- Average # of pages per Employment verification ~14 pages
- Average # of pages per NIOSH Request ~50 Pages
- Average # of pages per DAR ~150 pages
- Overall average # pages ~214



## 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.



# Response – 60 Day Goal

- In FY 16, DOE responded in under 60 days to 17,674 out of 18,621 records requests from DOL and NIOSH.
- 95 percent on-time response rate
- Many sites have a near perfect record:
  - **K-25:** 6 late out of 2,112
  - **Richland:** 6 late out of 1,564
  - **Savannah River:** 1,316 all on time



# 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)
- Los Alamos National Lab
- Sandia National Lab
- Idaho National Lab
- Lawrence Livermore National Lab
- Oak Ridge National Lab
- Area IV Santa Susanna Field Lab



# Document Reviews

- DOE is 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.



# Honoring the National Day of Remembrance for Nuclear Weapons Program Workers

October 28, 2016



Office of Environment, Health, Safety and Security



# Senate Resolution 560

(S. Res 560 introduced on September 15, 2016)

Designating October 30, 2016, as a national day of remembrance for U.S. nuclear weapons program workers, including uranium miners, millers, and haulers.

Whereas, since World War II, hundreds of thousands of men and women, including uranium miners, millers, and haulers, have served the United States by building the nuclear defense weapons of the United States;

Whereas these dedicated workers paid a high price for their service to develop a nuclear weapons program for the benefit of the United States, including having developed disabling or fatal illnesses;

Whereas the Senate recognized the contribution, service, and sacrifice these patriotic men and women made for the defense of the United States in Senate Resolution 151, 111th Congress, agreed to May 20, 2009, and Senate Resolution 653, 111th Congress, agreed to September 28, 2010; Senate Resolution 275, 112th Congress, agreed to September 26, 2011; Senate Resolution 519, 112th Congress, agreed to August 1, 2012; Senate Resolution 164, 113th Congress, agreed to September 18, 2013; Senate Resolution 417, 113th Congress, agreed to July 9, 2014; and Senate Resolution 213, 114th Congress, agreed to September 25, 2015;

Whereas a national day of remembrance time capsule has been crossing the United States, collecting artifacts and the stories of the nuclear workers relating to the nuclear defense era of the United States;

Whereas these stories and artifacts reinforce the importance of recognizing these nuclear workers; and

Whereas these patriotic men and women deserve to be recognized for the contribution, service, and sacrifice they have made for the defense of the United States: Now, therefore, be it

That the Senate—

- 1) designates October 30, 2016, as a national day of remembrance for nuclear weapons program workers, including uranium miners, millers, and haulers, of the United States; and
- 2) encourages the people of the United States to support and participate in appropriate ceremonies, programs, and other activities to commemorate October 30, 2016, as a national day of remembrance for past and present workers in the nuclear weapons program of the United States.



# 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.



# Former Worker Medical Screening Program

FWP Website:

- <http://energy.gov/ehss/services/worker-health-and-safety/former-worker-medical-screening-program>

FWP Annual Report:

- <http://energy.gov/sites/prod/files/2016/09/f33/2015-FWP-Annual-Report.pdf>

FWP Brochure:

- <http://energy.gov/ehss/downloads/former-worker-medical-screening-program-brochure>



# Questions?

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