



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)



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.



Volume of records



- In FY16, responded to 18,621 records from over 25 different DOE locations.



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



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% 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 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
- Argonne National Lab (tour)



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.



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 Program



FWP website:

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

FWP brochure:

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



Questions?