



NIOSH Program Update

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Advisory Board on Radiation and Worker Health, 143rd Meeting

Virtual

December 8-9, 2021

Contracts, Staffing

- In process of hiring a health physicist due to retirement

IT Update

- Now able to process all cases manually
- Our goal is to return to steady state processing by the end of this year
 - *Steady state* is defined as having approximately 775 cases residing in the dose reconstruction process with draft dose reconstructions being sent to claimants at the same rate new and amended referrals are being received from Department of Labor (DOL)
- We continue to work on data management systems, e.g., Site Research Data Base (SRDB)

Workshops, Town Halls, Outreach

- No in-person events since 2020
- Have supported DOL virtual events (webinars) in 2021
- No new events have been finalized for 2022 at this time

Record Requests to Department of Energy

- 374 outstanding
- 13 more than 60 days

Case status report*

- 53,850 cases to NIOSH from DOL
- 51,938 returned to DOL
 - 999 at NIOSH for dose reconstruction (DR)
 - 913 administratively closed
- 46,556 submitted DOL with DR
 - 1,710 pulled from DR by DOL
 - 3,672 pulled for Special Exposure Cohort (SEC)

**As of November 30, 2021*

Probability of Causation Summary

- 46,556 DRs sent for final adjudication
 - Currently, we're unable to readily query the statistics for the number of cases above and below 50%.
 - Typically, the cases have been between 25% and 30% at 50% or greater and 70% to 75% less than 50%. Unlikely to have changed significantly.

Active Cases

- 999* active at NIOSH for DR
 - 363 in the DR process
 - 215 initial draft DR reports with claimants
 - 421 cases preparing for DR

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