



NIOSH Program Update

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Advisory Board on Radiation and Worker Health, 147th Meeting

Virtual

Wednesday, August 17-18, 2022

Contracts, Staffing

- In process of hiring 4 health physicists due to retirement and job changes
- In process of hiring 1 Administrative Officer due to job change

IT Update

- Now able to process all cases manually
- We have achieved steady-state processing of dose reconstructions.
 - *This means that dose reconstructions are being completed at the same rate that new dose reconstruction referrals are received from the Department of Labor. We continue to achieve our goal of having more than 90% of all dose reconstructions completed within 5 months of receiving the last data required for completion.*
- We continue to work on data management systems, e.g., Site Research Data Base (SRDB)

Workshops, Town Halls, Outreach

- Scheduled outreach meetings to NM and AZ postponed due to local COVID Levels.
- In-person worker outreach meetings scheduled for August 30th - 31st in Oak Ridge TN.

Record Requests to Department of Energy

286 total outstanding

- 48 between 61 and 120 days old
- 11 between 121 and 180 days old
- 6 greater than 180 days old

Case status report*

- 54,951 cases to NIOSH from DOL
- 52,778 returned to DOL
 - 1,264 at NIOSH for dose reconstruction (DR)
 - 909 administratively closed
- 47,353 submitted DOL with DR
 - 1,782 pulled from DR by DOL
 - 3,643 pulled for Special Exposure Cohort (SEC)

*As of August 09, 2022

Probability of Causation Summary

- 47,353 DRs sent for final adjudication
 - 34,615 less than 50% - 73% of total
 - 12,735 greater than 50% - 27% of total
 - Typically, the cases have been between 25% and 30% at 50% or greater and 70% to 75% less than 50%.

Active Cases

- 1,264* active at NIOSH for DR
 - 433 in the DR process
 - 315 draft DR reports with claimants
 - 516 cases preparing for DR