



# NIOSH Program Update

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**Advisory Board on Radiation and Worker Health, 151st Meeting**

Virtual

April 19-20, 2023

# Contracts, Staffing

- Hired 3 health physicists due to retirement and job changes
- Hired 1 Administrative Officer due to job change

# IT Update

- We continue 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

- Completed outreach events near Nevada Test Site and Tonopah Test Range 2/28-3/1
- Completed Authorized Representatives (AR) workshop in Hanford area 3/29.
- Completed outreach event 4/11-4/13 in Oak Ridge area
- Outreach event scheduled for 5/16 in Hanford area
- Outreach event scheduled for 6/27-6/29 in NM and AZ RECA/UMTRA Sites
- Outreach event scheduled for 8/16 in Fernald/Mound area
- Outreach event scheduled for 9/12 in Rocky Flats area

# Record Requests to Department of Energy\*

364 total outstanding

- 87 between 61 and 120 days old
- 0 between 121 and 180 days old
- 1 greater than 180 days old (Albany Research Center)

\*as of April 7, 2023

# Case status report\*

- 56,043 cases to NIOSH from DOL
- 53,827 returned to DOL
  - 1,273 at NIOSH for dose reconstruction (DR)
  - 943 administratively closed
- 48,338 submitted DOL with DR
  - 1,841 pulled from DR by DOL
  - 3,648 pulled for Special Exposure Cohort (SEC)

\*as of April 7, 2023

# Probability of Causation Summary\*

- 48,338 DRs sent for final adjudication
  - 35,454 less than 50% - 73% of total
  - 12,884 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%

\*as of April 7, 2023

# Active Cases\*

- 1,265 active at NIOSH for DR
  - 938 in the DR process
  - 275 draft DR reports with claimants
  - 52 cases preparing for DR

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