



NIOSH Program Update

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Advisory Board on Radiation and Worker Health, 157th Meeting

Teleconference | April 17, 2024

Contracts, Staffing

- Dave Sundin and Kim Kraus retired
 - The Deputy Director position has been filled with Lavon Rutherford
 - A candidate has tentatively accepted the position of Program Analyst
- Third quarter hiring plan include:
 - Health Physics Supervisor (LaVon's previous position)
 - Management Analyst (retires 7/31/24)
 - Understudy for DCAS Director (retires 1/31/25)
- Dose reconstruction contract extended for 6 months while 1 year bridge contract is finalized.

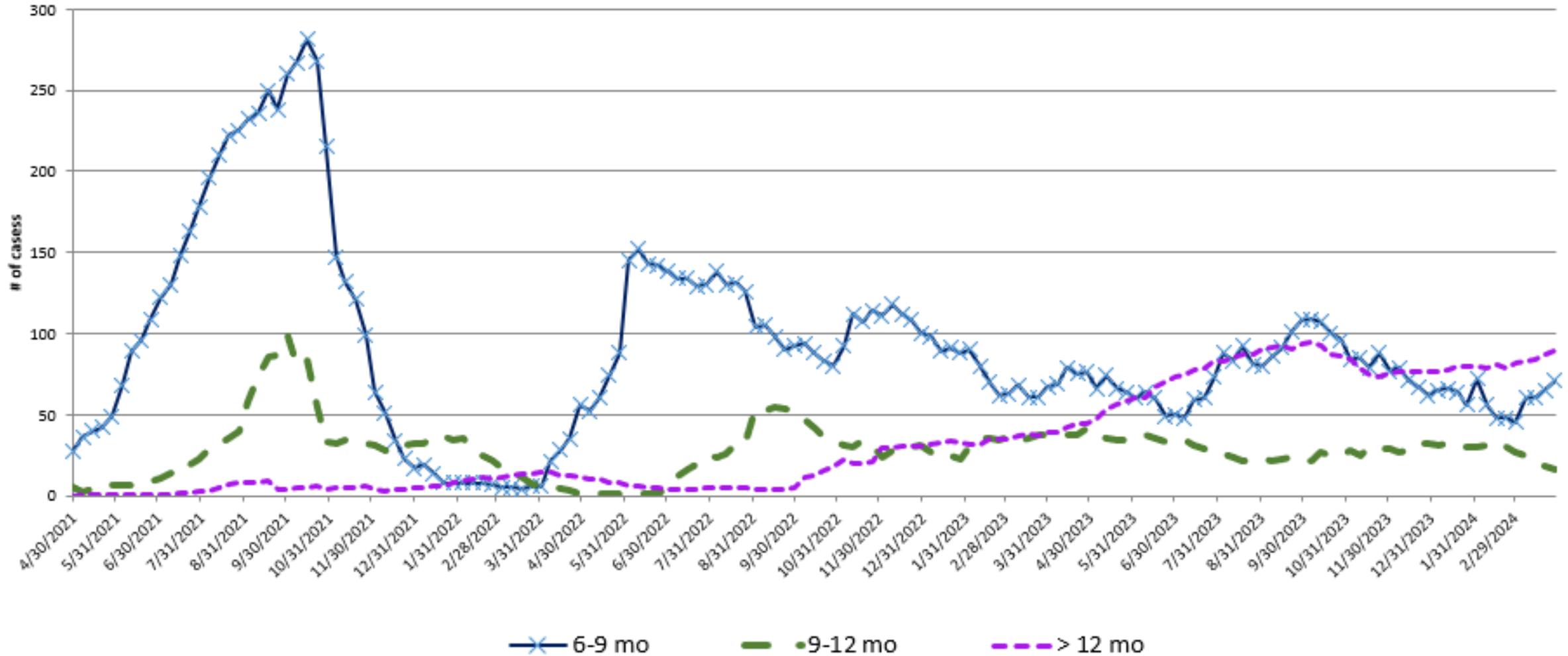
IT Update

- We continue to process all cases manually
- We have achieved steady-state processing of dose reconstructions
 - *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*
- The Site Research Data Base (SRDB) has been restored on ORAUT's space
 - DCAS, SCA and Board members are connecting through CyberArk
- The Board Review System (BRS) and SEC Viewer are next on the list
- NOCTS will be last as it is the most complicated

Workshops, Town Halls, Outreach

- Completed outreach event on 4/10 in Portsmouth area
- Completed outreach event on 4/16 in Paducah area
- Events *tentatively* scheduled
 - Kansas City, MO May 2024
 - Idaho Falls, ID May 2024
 - Chicago, IL July 2024
 - Cincinnati, OH September 2024
 - Gallup, Grants, and Albuquerque, NM Sep 2024

Age of Cases Since the Pause Began



This graph represents the amount of time cases reside with DCAS. The times are measured from the date the case is received from DOL to the date the draft dose reconstructions are sent to the claimants. DCAS' goal is to complete dose reconstructions within 5 months of the receipt of the last data required for dose reconstruction. The age of cases increased significantly when the pause started in May of 2021 and peaked in October of that year. The processes in place now have reduced the age of cases steadily to date. 74 of the 89 cases which are older than 12 months and 9 of the 16 cases between 9 and 12 months are not workable, primarily because we are awaiting information requested from claimants, DOE, or DOL or pending revision of a technical document.

Record Requests to Department of Energy*

241 total outstanding

- 6 between 61 and 120 days old
- 0 between 121 and 180

* as of April 1, 2024

Case Status Report

57,529 cases to NIOSH from DOL

- 49,772 returned to DOL with DR
- 956 administratively closed
- 3,658 pulled by DOL for Special Exposure Cohort (SEC)
- 1,904 pulled from DR by DOL

1,239 at NIOSH for dose reconstruction (DR)

Probability of Causation Summary*

49,772 DRs sent for final adjudication

- 36,666 less than 50% - 74% of total
- 13,106 greater than 50% - 26% of total
- These percentages have remained relatively consistent over time

* as of April 1, 2024

Active Cases*

- 1,239 active at NIOSH for DR
 - 390 in the DR process
 - 225 draft DR reports with claimants
 - 624 cases preparing for DR

* as of April 1, 2024

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