

MANDATE

- ◆ The President shall establish an independent review process using the Advisory Board on Radiation and Worker Health to—
 - ◆ (A) assess the methods established under paragraph (1); and
 - ◆ (B) verify a reasonable sample of the doses established under paragraph (1).

CURRENT REVIEW

- ◆ BEGAN AFTER DOSE RECONSTRUCTION STARTED
- ◆ LIMITATIONS ON TIMING AND CONTACT WITH CLAIMANTS
- ◆ PRIMARY REVIEWS – VERIFY DOSE CALCULATION BASED ON CLAIMANT FILE AND METHODS USED AT THAT TIME

CURRENT, CONT.

- ◆ DONE BY CONTRACTOR AND THEN REVIEWED BY NIOSH AND “RESOLVED” BY SUBCOMMITTEE
- ◆ CASES SELECTED BASED ON POC, SITE, TIME PERIOD, CANCER SITE, ETC.
- ◆ LONG PROCESS – SHORT OF ORIGINAL GOAL
- ◆ RESULTS - IMPROVING

CURRENT, CONT.

- ◆ BLIND REVIEWS – MORE COMPREHENSIVE
- ◆ DELAYED START
- ◆ RELATIVE VALUE UNCERTAIN AT PRESENT

METHODS REVIEW

- ◆ PARALLEL EFFORT TO REVIEW SITE PROFILES, TECHNICAL DOCUMENTS, ETC.
- ◆ SEC EVALUATIONS
- ◆ CONTINUAL MODIFICATIONS TO THESE DOCUMENTS AND HENCE TO DOSE RECONSTRUCTION METHODS
- ◆ A CLAIMANTS DOSE RECONSTRUCTION RESULTS CAN CHANGE AS A RESULT

WHAT TO DO

- ◆ CONTINUE PRIMARY REVIEWS
- ◆ MODIFY METHODS FOR CONDUCT OR RESOLUTION
- ◆ EXP. - ELIMINATE OR LIMIT THE REVIEW OF SPECIFIC COMPONENTS OF DOSE RECONSTRUCTION
- ◆ EXP. - MORE FOCUS ON APPLICATION OF NEW METHODS

WHAT TO DO CONT.

- ◆ EXP. – LIMIT SUBCOMMITTEE REVIEW TO POSITIVE FINDINGS ONLY
- ◆ BLIND REVIEWS – INCREASE NUMBERS, MODIFY PROCEDURES, ...
- ◆ OTHER REVIEWS – EXP. FOCUSED REVIEWS LOOKING AT CONSISTENCY OF APPLYING METHODS THAT RELY ON DOSE RECONSTRUCTOR JUDGMENT

QAQC

- ◆ OLD WORK GROUP
- ◆ QAQC PLAN IMPLEMENTED BY NIOSH/ORAU – REVIEWED BY SC
- ◆ SUPPLEMENT THAT PLAN?

WHAT NEXT

- ◆ WORK GROUP REVIEW INCLUDING COLLECTION OF MORE DATA
- ◆ SC STARTING ON REPORT ON RESULTS TO DATE (SINCE LAST LETTER TO DHHS)
- ◆ WORK GROUP WILL RECOMMEND CHANGES – INCREMENTAL AND AFTER PILOT STUDIES (IF APPROPRIATE)