



# Department of Energy Support to the Energy Employees Occupational Illness Compensation Program Act (EEOICPA)



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# DOE's Core Mandate



Work on behalf of the program claimants to ensure that all available worker and facility records and data are provided to DOL, NIOSH, and the Advisory Board.



# DOE Responsibilities



- Respond via the SERT system to DOL and NIOSH requests for information related to individual claims (employment verification, exposure records).
- Provide support and assistance to DOL, NIOSH, and Advisory Board on large-scale research and site characterization projects through records research and retrieval efforts at various DOE sites.
- Conduct research, in coordination with DOL and NIOSH, on issues related to covered facilities designations.



# Individual Records



Fund and coordinate records retrieval activities at DOE sites in support of individual claims.

- Employment verifications for DOL (~7,000/year)
- Dose records for NIOSH (~4,000/year)
- Document Acquisition Requests (DAR) employee work history/exposures for DOL (~7,000/year)



# Individual Records (cont.)



- Claimants often worked at multiple DOE sites, for multiple contractors and subcontractors, and in different jobs or divisions over a career.
- For a typical request for a worker's records, DOE may have to go to many different site departments and within those departments many different records sources or databases.
- For example, one DOE site routinely checks approximately 40 different sources for responsive records, including hardcopy paper records, microfilm, microfiche, databases, and scanned electronic records.



# Volume of records



- In FY16, responded to 18,621 records from over 25 different DOE locations.



# Size of Records Packages



- Average # of pages per Employment verification
  - 14 pages
- Average # of pages per NIOSH Request
  - 50 Pages
- Average # of pages per DAR
  - 150 pages
- Overall average # pages
  - 214



# Response – 60 Day Goal



- In FY 16 DOE responded in under 60 days to 17,674 out of 18,621 records requests from DOL and NIOSH.
- 95% on time response rate.
- Many sites have a near perfect record
  - K-25: 6 late out of 2,112
  - Richland: 6 late out of 1,564
  - Savannah River: 1,316 on time





# Large-Scale Research Projects



- Large-scale research projects are driven by the needs of DOL and NIOSH.
- DOE accommodates all requests.
- These projects can take years.



# Large Scale Research Projects (cont.)



- Hanford
- Savannah River Site
- Nevada Test Site  
(Nevada National Security Site)
- Los Alamos National Lab
- Sandia National Lab
- Idaho National Lab
- Lawrence Livermore National Lab
- Oak Ridge National Lab
- Area IV Santa Susanna Field Lab



# Document Reviews



- DOE committed to providing documents to NIOSH, DOL, and the Advisory Board, but must do so in a responsible manner.
- The average turnaround time for review and released documents is typically about 8 work days.
- In certain cases where an expedited review is necessary, DOE has returned documents in 1-2 days.



# Facility Research



Research and maintain the Covered Facilities Database

- Database of **over 300 facilities covered** under EEOICPA. This includes DOE facilities, AWEs and Beryllium Vendors whose employees are eligible for benefits under EEOICP.
- Full listing can be found at:  
<https://ehss.energy.gov/Search/Facility/findfacility.aspx>



# Outreach



- Continued to participate in all Joint Outreach Task Group meetings that include DOE, DOL, and NIOSH, along with the DOL Ombudsman and the DOE Former Worker Medical Screening Programs.



# Former Worker Medical Screening Program



- Mission: To identify and notify former workers at risk for occupational disease and offer them medical screening that can lead to treatment.
- Program now serves ***all*** former workers from ***all*** DOE sites in locations close to their residences.
- Published an annual report.



# Former Worker Program



FWP website:

- <http://energy.gov/ehss/services/worker-health-and-safety/former-worker-medical-screening-program>

FWP brochure:

- <http://energy.gov/ehss/downloads/former-worker-medical-screening-program-brochure>



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