



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 FY17, responded to 18,522 records from over 25 different DOE locations.



Size of Records Packages (FY 2017)



- Average # of pages per Employment verification
 - 21
- Average # of pages per NIOSH Request
 - 46
- Average # of pages per DAR
 - 158
- Overall average # pages
 - 225



Response – 60 Day Goal



- In FY 18 for Q1 and Q2, DOE responded in under 60 days to 7,976 out of 8,167 records requests from DOL and NIOSH.
- 97% on time response rate.
- Many sites have a near perfect record
 - Idaho: 1 late out of 288
 - Savannah River: 0 late out of 616
 - Oak Ridge Main Office: 0 late out of 1,063



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)
- Sandia National Lab
- Idaho National Lab
- Oak Ridge National Lab



Document Reviews



- DOE committed to providing documents to NIOSH, DOL, and the Advisory Board, but must do so in a responsible manner.
- DOE HQ reviews NIOSH generated reports but DOE field sites review the DOE source documents
 - The average turnaround time for reports reviewed at DOE HQ is typically about 8 work days. (but there are fewer reports and they are typically shorter)
 - The turnaround time for source documents reviewed in the field can vary considerable because there can be hundreds of documents requested and thousands of pages to review.



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.
- DOE attended and gave presentations at the first Authorized Representative Workshop in Jacksonville, FL, and will be doing the same at the next meeting in Richland, WA.



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>



Questions?