



# 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 (~6,500/year)
- Dose records for NIOSH (~3,500/year)
- Document Acquisition Requests (DAR) employee work history/exposures for DOL (~6,500/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 FY18, responded to 16,432 records from over 25 different DOE locations.

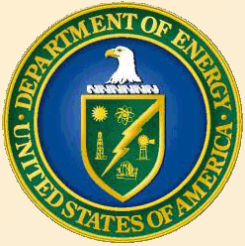


# Size of Records Packages (FY 2018)



- 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, DOE responded in under 60 days to 16,432 out of 16,849 records requests from DOL and NIOSH.
- 98% on time response rate.
- Many sites have a near perfect record
  - DOE Legacy Management: 0 late out of 1,309
  - Savannah River: 0 late out of 1,263
  - Nevada National Security Site: 0 late out of 951





# 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
  - Document reviews
- Idaho National Lab
- Area IV - Santa Susanna Field Lab
- Sandia National Lab
- Oak Ridge National Lab
- Nevada Test Site (Nevada National Security Site)



# 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.
- Brookhaven National Lab
- Y-12 National Security Site
- Authorized Representative Meeting in Nevada



# 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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