

# NIOSH Program Update

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**Advisory Board on Radiation and Worker Health, 159<sup>th</sup> Meeting**

Teleconference | August 7, 2024

# Contracts, Staffing

- Peifen Zheng retired.
  - Interviews have been completed to fill this position.
- A tentative offer has been accepted for the DCAS director understudy position.
  - More details after the final offer has been made and accepted.
- Tim Taulbee, Associate Director for Science, will be retiring at the end of March 2025.
  - This position has been posted and is now closed. We are planning interviews etc.
- Still need to recruit for and fill:
  - Health Physics Supervisor (LaVon's previous position)
- Dose reconstruction contract extended for 6 months while 1 year bridge contract is finalized.

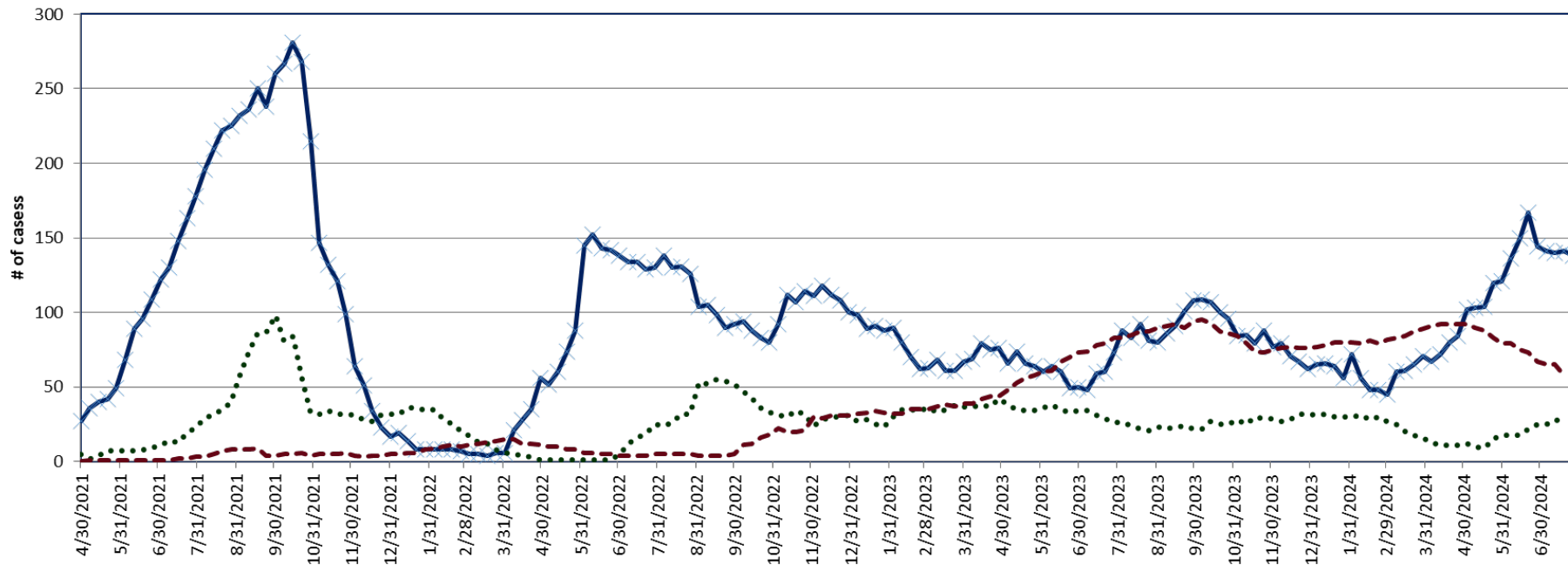
# IT Update

- 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, SC&A, 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 events:
  - Kansas City, MO May 2024
  - Idaho Falls, ID May 2024
  - Chicago, IL July 2024
- Events ***tentatively*** scheduled
  - Cincinnati, OH September 2024
  - Gallup, Grants, and Albuquerque, NM September 2024

# Age of Cases Since the Pause Began\*



This represents the time a case is with DCAS measured from the date the case is received from DOL to the date the draft dose reconstructions are sent to 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. 9 of the 51 cases which are older than 12 months and 14 of the 33 cases between 9 and 12 months are not workable, primarily because we are awaiting additional information requested from claimants, DOE, or DOL or pending revision of a technical document.

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\*as of July 26, 2024

# Record Requests to Department of Energy\*

298 total outstanding

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

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# Case status report\*

58,055 cases to NIOSH from DOL

- 50,145 returned to DOL with DR
- 957 administratively closed
- 3,669 pulled by DOL for Special Exposure Cohort (SEC)
- 1,931 pulled from DR by DOL

1,353 at NIOSH for dose reconstruction (DR)

# Probability of Causation Summary\*

50,145 DRs sent for final adjudication

- 36,982 less than 50% - 74% of total
- 13,163 greater than 50% - 26% of total
- These percentages have remained relatively consistent over time

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# Active Cases\*

- 1,353 active at NIOSH for DR
  - 413 in the DR process
  - 248 draft DR reports with claimants
  - 692 cases preparing for DR

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