



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



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# Program News

- Recent update to our Secure Electronic Records Transfer (SERT) system. Should allow for smoother transfer of records, better communication between agencies.
- Former Worker Medical Screening Program (FWP) – Goal to increase the screenings in the New Mexico area this year



# 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

- 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.



# Research Projects

- Large-scale research projects are driven by the needs of DOL and NIOSH.
  - Recent data capture requests for the following DOE sites:
    - Y-12
    - Hanford
    - Oak Ridge National Lab
    - WIPP
    - BWXT
    - Nevada Test Site
    - DOE Environmental Management Consolidated Business Center (Santa Susanna)
    - Sandia Albuquerque
    - Idaho National Lab
    - Los Alamos
    - Idaho
    - Other closed sites
- DOL Site Exposure Matrices
- Nevada Test Site
  - WIPP
  - Kansas City Plant



# 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 workdays. (but there are fewer reports and they are typically shorter)
  - The turnaround time for source documents reviewed in the field can vary considerably 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>



# 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.





# Questions?