

Accomplishments of the Subcommittee for Procedure Reviews

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SPR procedure review responsibilities

- Technical information bulletins (TIBs)
 - 13 DCAS currently active TIBs
 - 1 Battelle currently active TIB
 - 54 ORAUT currently active TIBs
- Implementation guidelines (IGs)
 - 6 DCAS currently active IGs
- Performance evaluation reports (PERs)
 - 90 DCAS currently active PERs

- Reports (RPRTs)
 - 8 DCAS currently active RPRTs
 - 61 ORAUT currently active RPRTs (12 listed RPRTs are actually slide presentations)
- Procedures (PROCs)
 - 8 DCAS currently active PROCs
 - 26 ORAUT currently active PROCs



SPR's review of TIBs

DCAS/Battelle TIBs (15 total)

- 5 not reviewed
- 10 reviewed (67% of current total)
- 4 of 10 reviews have been SPRapproved
- 1 reviewed TIB cancelled
- None of the SPR-approved DCAS/Battelle TIBs presented to Board

ORAUT TIBs (64 total)

- 4 not reviewed
- 60 reviewed (94% of current total)
- 10 TIBs reviewed under sitespecific work groups (WGs)
- 32 of 60 reviews have been SPRapproved
- 20 reviewed TIBs cancelled
- 14 SPR-approved ORAUT TIBs presented to Board



SPR's review of IGs

- ♦ 6 total IGs
- ◆ 3 not reviewed
- ◆ 3 reviewed (50% of current total)
- ◆ 2 of 3 reviewed IGs have been SPR-approved
- ◆ 1 SPR-approved IG presented to Board



SPR's review of DCAS PERs

- ◆ 90 total PERs
- ◆ 14 PERs SPR determined review not necessary
- 28 not reviewed
- ◆ 48 reviewed (63% of current total requiring a review)
- ◆ 33 of 48 reviewed PERs have been SPR-approved
- 23 SPR-approved PERs presented to Board



SPR's review of RPRTs

DCAS RPRTs (11 total)

- 7 not reviewed, mostly administrative
- 4 reviewed (36% of current total)
- 4 of 4 reviews have been SPRapproved
- 3 reviewed RPRTs cancelled
- 1 SPR-approved DCAS RPRT presented to Board

ORAUT RPRTs (22 total)

- 29 RPRTs reviewed under sitespecific WGs
- 9 not reviewed
- 13 reviewed (59% of current SPR total)
- 2 of 13 reviews have been SPRapproved
- 1 reviewed RPRT cancelled
- 1 SPR-approved ORAUT RPRT presented to Board



SPR's review of PROCs

DCAS PROCs (11 total)

- 7 not reviewed, mostly administrative
- 4 reviewed (36% of current total)
- 4 of 4 reviews have been SPRapproved
- 3 reviewed PROCs cancelled
- 1 SPR-approved DCAS PROC presented to Board

ORAUT PROCs (38 total)

- 13 not reviewed
- 25 reviewed (66% of current SPR total)
- 21 of 25 reviews have been SPRapproved
- 12 reviewed PROCs cancelled
- 7 SPR-approved ORAUT PROCs presented to Board



New reviews: DR methodology and DR template documents

- ORAUT first developed technical basis documents (TBDs) for large DOE sites with many claims
- ◆ To balance claims processing, Battelle was hired to develop TBDs for smaller Atomic Weapons Employer (AWE) sites (primarily, uranium metal facilities)
 - These TBDs have been reviewed by site-specific WGs
- For smaller DOE and AWE sites that did not perform uranium metal work, NIOSH developed DR guidance (instead of TBDs) that has not been reviewed by the Board:
 - DR methodology documents
 - DR templates
- ◆ SPR has started reviewing DR guidance, similar to our review of TBDs but less intensive than for larger sites



DR methodology document

- Not formally published and is not posted on the NIOSH public website
- Initially used to process small numbers of claims from a particular site

- Content is similar to TBD information and guidance and typically includes:
 - Facility description
 - External dose assessment
 - Occupational medical dose assessment
 - Environmental dose assessment
 - Internal dose assessment



DR template

- Not formally published and is not posted on the NIOSH public website
- ◆ Is the DR report with color-coded text to indicate the type of information to be included or provide direction to the dose reconstructor
- Generated specifically for the claim being evaluated
 - Uses as much site-specific information as could be compiled
 - Explains how the EE's radiation dose was reconstructed



Statistics about DR guidance documents

- ◆ 25 current sites
 - -13 AWE sites
 - 12 DOE sites
- 9 sites not included since NIOSH has no current data
- ◆ 2,508 total cases, as of December 2019, associated with 25 sites
- NIOSH plans to develop TBDs for 4 of the 25 sites

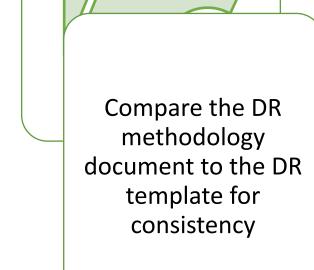


SC&A DR methodology & template review



Review:

- Completeness of data sources
- Consistency between DR guidance and data sources
- Technical accuracy of guidance
- Scientific basis and adequacy of data





Review one or two cases adjudicated using the DR methodology guidance and template



Temporary BRS tracking document

The SPR maintains 2 tables to track document reviews during the Cybersecurity Modernization Initiative:

- 1. **BRS tracking matrix summary** Overview of the number of findings and observations and their status for each reviewed document
- BRS tracking matrix Details of the resolution process for each finding and observation



2 tables to track document reviews

BRS tracking matrix summary

- Total findings
- Total observations
- Open findings/observations
- In progress findings/observations
- In abeyance findings/observations
- Transferred findings/observations
- SPR-closed findings/observations
- ABRWH action

BRS tracking matrix

- Finding/observation number
- Finding/observation date, description, SC&A followup actions
- NIOSH response & followup actions
- SPR action, followup actions, resolution
- Finding/observation status
- Board action/resolution



Questions?

