

Attachment C - Telephone Interviews with Claimants/Coworkers and Introductory Letters

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NIOSH Tracking Number:

Date:

Name  
Address  
City, ST Zip

Dear Name:

Oak Ridge Associated Universities (ORAU) requests your help in reconstructing the radiation dose for your claim. ORAU, the contractor assisting the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH) with the dose reconstruction process, will be conducting a telephone interview with you shortly to gather information concerning radiation exposure information for your claim. The interview takes about an hour on average to complete. If we need additional information that may only be available from supervisors, co-workers or others, the interview is also an opportunity for you to help us identify and locate these persons.

Your participation in this interview is voluntary. If you choose to be interviewed, the information you provide will be treated in a confidential manner unless otherwise compelled by law. The information you provide to ORAU will be shared with staff working for NIOSH and the Department of Labor (DOL), both of whom have roles in administering this program. Please note that if you have any special needs for the interview (for example, hearing impairments, Spanish-speaking interview, etc.) ORAU will make arrangements to meet those special needs. After the telephone interview has been completed, a summary report will be prepared and sent to you for your review. Once the report is complete and you have had time to review and comment on it, we will proceed with the dose reconstruction process.

To help you prepare for the interview, we have enclosed a list of the questions that will be covered.

**Please DO NOT send this questionnaire back to us; we will take this information by telephone.** When you have reviewed the enclosed questions and feel that you are ready to schedule your telephone interview, please call ORAU toll-free at 1-800-790-6728 (1-800-790-ORAU) and ask to speak to the telephone interview scheduler. Keep in mind that this initial call is simply to SCHEDULE your interview, not to actually perform the interview. Our hours are from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Eastern time, but we have found that calls placed between 08:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. may experience a shorter wait time for you in scheduling the interview.

Feel free to call our toll-free number if you have any questions about this letter. You may also get more information on ORAU at [www.oraucoc.org](http://www.oraucoc.org).

Sincerely,

Claimant Communications  
ORAU Team  
Dose Reconstruction Project for NIOSH

Enclosure

**EEOICPA Dose Reconstruction Telephone Interview**  
Claimant is Covered Employee

As you may know, NIOSH is responsible for estimating the occupational radiation doses received by persons with cancer applying for compensation under the Energy Employees Occupational Illness Compensation Program. Our contractor, Oak Ridge Associated Universities (ORAU), will be conducting the interviews.

This interview provides you with the opportunity to inform NIOSH of any additional information regarding your work history that might not be contained in the exposure monitoring information we receive from the Department of Energy (DOE) or Atomic Weapons Employer (AWE). While we encourage all claimants to participate in the interview process, participation is voluntary. Even though some claimants may not be able to answer all of the questions during the interview or have limited answers to the questions, any information provided during the interview may be useful in the dose reconstruction process.

Interviews with survivors will seek more general information while the interviews with energy employees will contain more detailed questions. This interview should take no more than a half hour, although we may have to call you back for additional information. If we need to divide this interview into a couple of shorter calls, we can do that as well. While we believe that most dose reconstructions can be completed without discussing classified information, we will arrange for a secure interview for those claimants who believe such an arrangement is necessary to complete the interview.