10-Year Program Review Update

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Concerning Dose Reconstruction

- DCAS continues to work with the Subcommittee on Dose Reconstruction Reviews on Dose Reconstruction (DR)
 Quality Assurance/Quality Control issues
- DCAS has implemented a blind review process to provide for routine evaluation of DR quality
- DCAS is evaluating selected DR review findings to attempt to determine reasons for findings
- DCAS has eliminated certain overestimating techniques when it could be accomplished in a cost-effective manner







Concerning Quality of Service

- DCAS has revised communication products (letters and Fact Sheets) to make them more readily understandable (Plain Language)
- White Papers and other supporting documents are posted on the DCAS Web site in time for Work Group meetings when they are discussed
- DCAS has modified the Board page of the Web site to facilitate navigation





Concerning Timeliness

- DCAS provides incentives for its dose reconstruction contractor to complete 90% of initial claims within 5 months of receiving all the claim data (down from 6 months in previous period)
- DCAS provides incentives for its dose reconstruction contractor to complete 90% of rework claims within 60 days of receipt when additional data is not needed





Concerning SEC Petitions

- DCAS is reviewing recent HHS decisions in order to draft a common understanding of "sufficient accuracy"
- DCAS has not been able to sort SEC decisions into "scientific" and "policy" decisions, but it is drafting documents that make SEC Evaluation Report decisions more transparent





Concerning Quality of Science

- DCAS and ORAU are developing a process for minimizing inconsistencies between documents
- DCAS is using Savannah River Site claim data to conduct a validation exercise for our approach to coworker modeling
- In order to better characterize "claimant favorability," DCAS is evaluating the impact of claimant favorable practices described in the special edition of the Health Physics Journal







10-Year Review Progress Reporting

DCAS will implement a 10-Year Review page on the DCAS Web site that includes the reports from the 10-year review, the follow up action items from the review, and periodic progress reports on those action items in response to those recommendations





