



#### **Department of Energy Support to the**

#### Energy Employees Occupational Illness Compensation Program Act (EEOICPA)



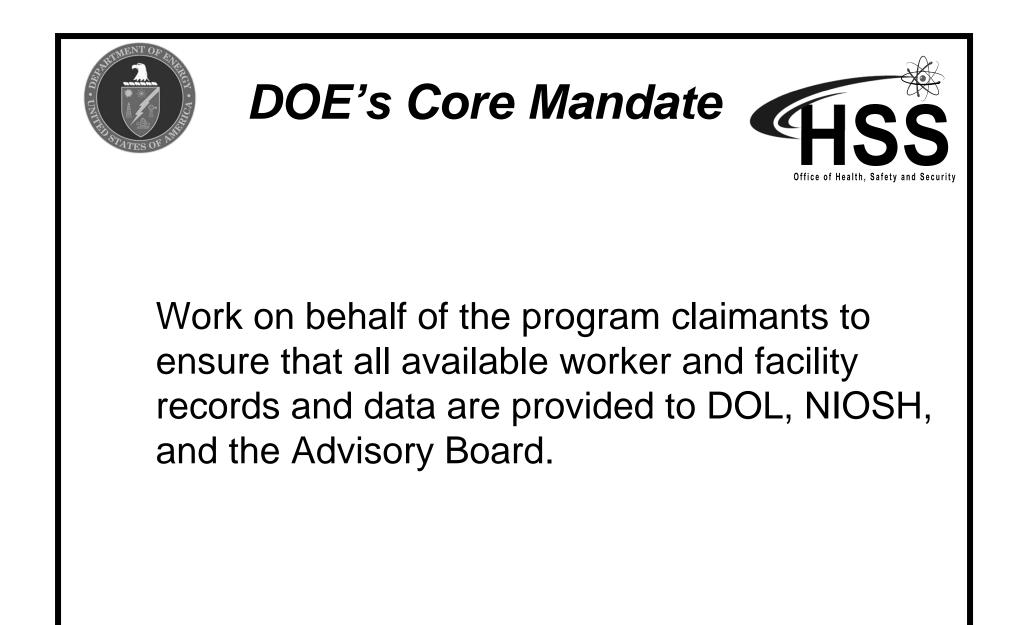
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### National Day of Remembrance



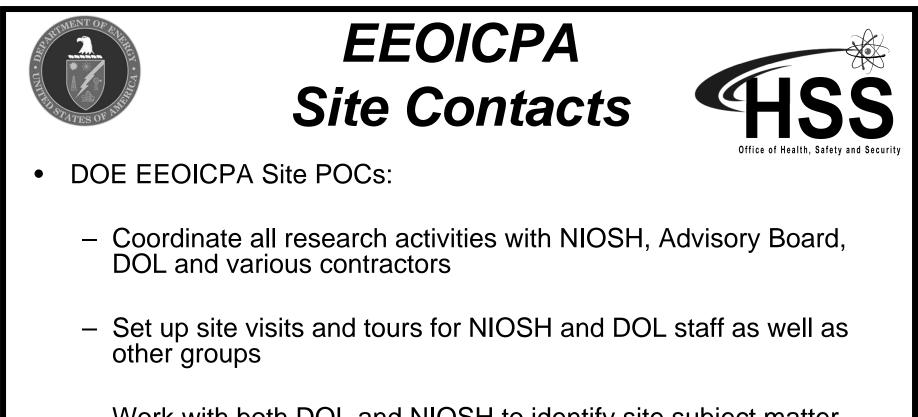
- On July 16, 2012, the United States Senate announced the passage of S. Res. 519, a Senate resolution designating October 30, 2010, as a National Day of Remembrance (NDR) for Nuclear Weapons Program Workers.
- This year will mark the fourth anniversary of the NDR, honoring the thousands of men and women who tirelessly served our country by building and maintaining our nuclear weapons complex during World War II through the Cold War.







- 1. Respond to DOL and NIOSH requests for information related to individual claims. (employment verification, exposure records).
- 2. 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.
- 3. Conduct research, in coordination with DOL and NIOSH, on issues related to covered facilities designations.



- Work with both DOL and NIOSH to identify site subject matter experts and to facilitate interviews with current and former workers
- Manage site's response to individual records requests. Ensure DOE responses are complete and timely
- Onsite source of EEOICPA information to workers

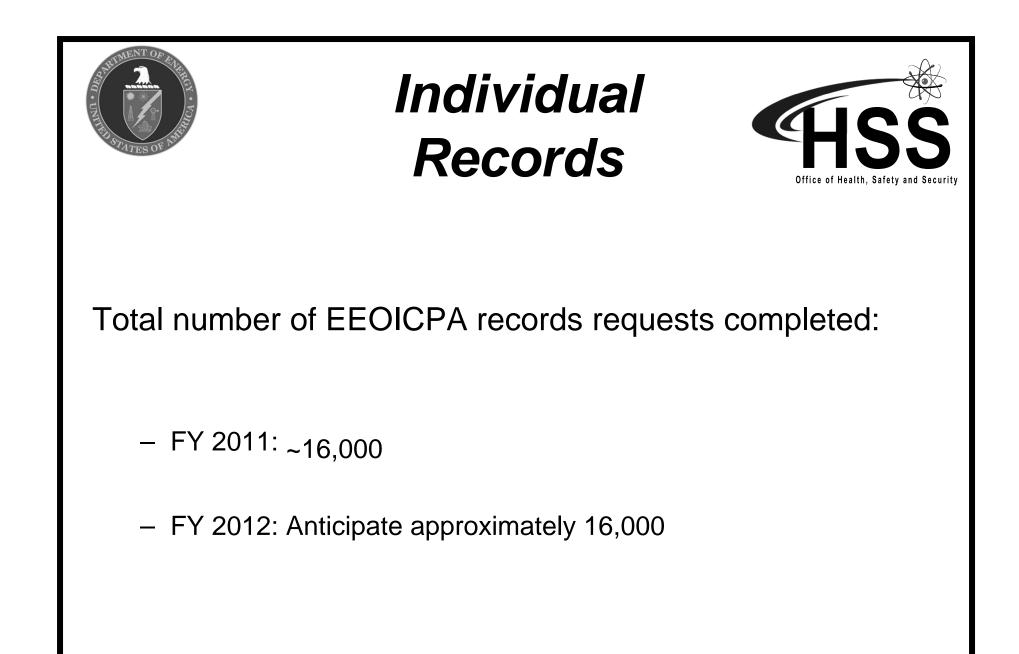


# Individual Records



Fund and coordinate records retrieval activities at DOE sites in support of individual claims.

- Employment verifications for DOL (~6,000/year)
- Dose records for NIOSH (~4,500/year)
- Document Acquisition Requests (DAR) employee work history/exposures for DOL (~5,500/year)



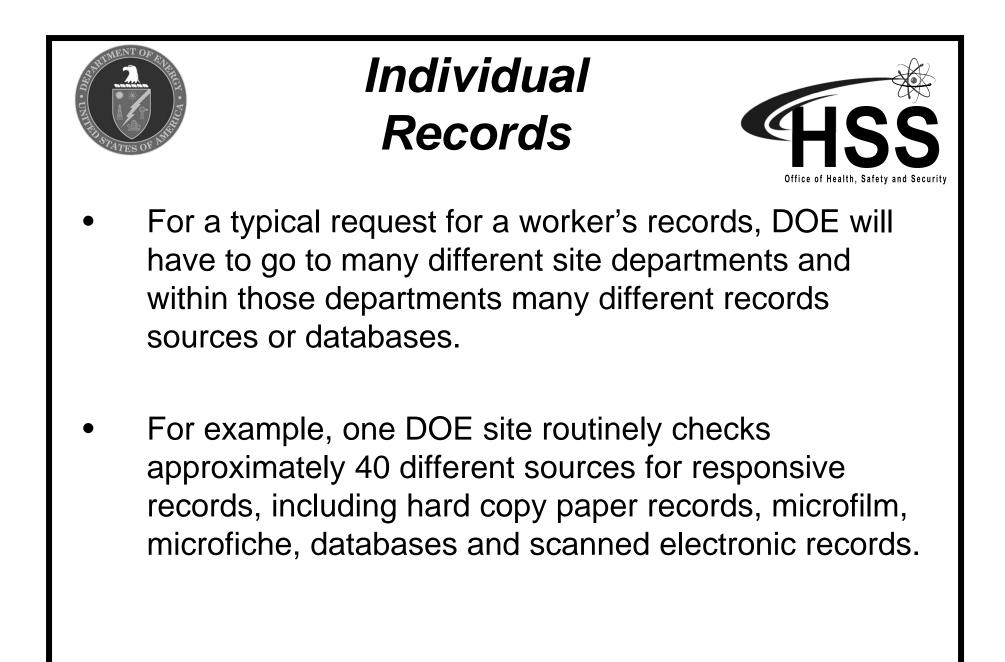


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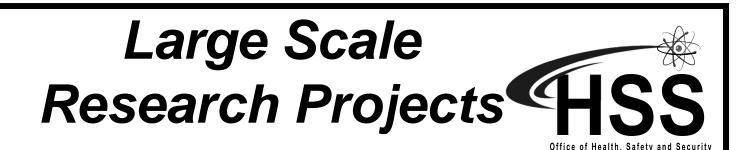


• Claimants often worked at multiple DOE sites, for multiple contractors and subcontractors, and in different jobs or divisions over a career.

 Records packages that DOE provides to DOL and NIOSH can be hundreds of pages long.

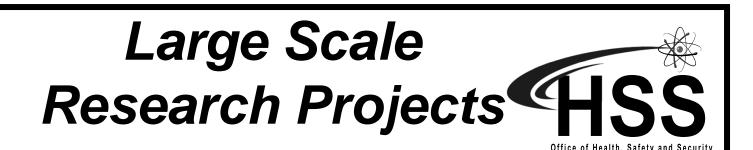




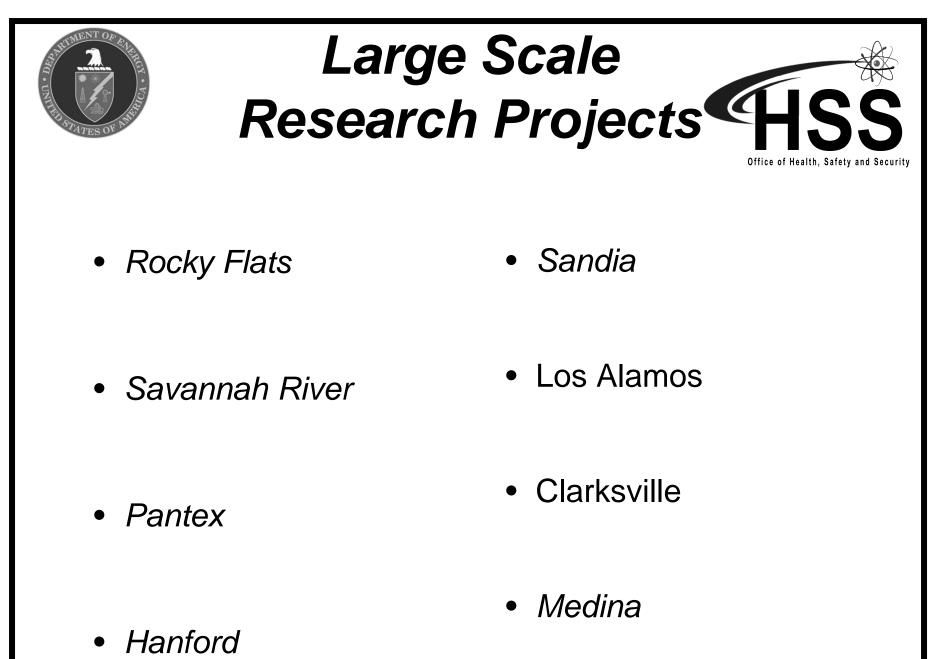


- Large scale research projects are driven by the needs of DOL and NIOSH.
  - DOE must react and accommodate the requests within existing funding.
- These projects can take years and can cost hundreds of thousands of dollars to support.





- DOE must review many of the requested records due to classification concerns.
  - Millions of pages have been reviewed so far and this can be a time consuming and costly process.
- DOE is often supporting 4-5 projects at once, although at various stages of the process (start up, research, wrap up, etc.)





## Document Reviews



- DOE committed to providing documents to NIOSH, DOL, and the Advisory Board, but must do so in a responsible manner.
- The DOE EEOICPA Security Plan link:

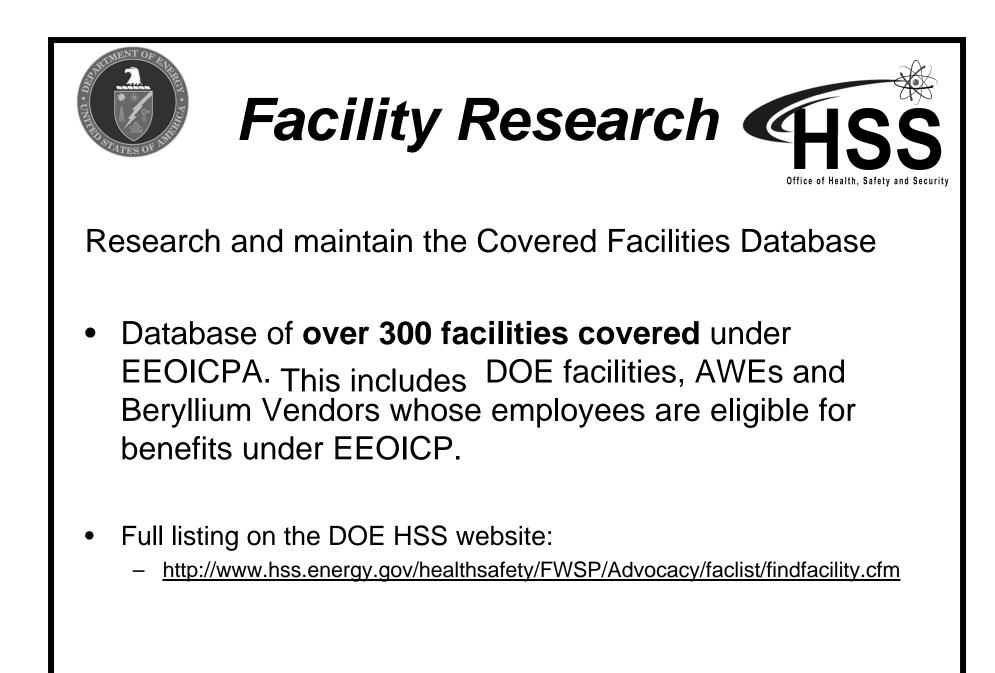
http://www.hss.energy.gov/HealthSafety/FWSP/Advocacy/HSS\_Security\_Plan \_EEOICPA.pdf







- The average turn around time for review and released documents was 8 work days.
- In certain cases where an expedited review is necessary, DOE has returned documents in one to two days.



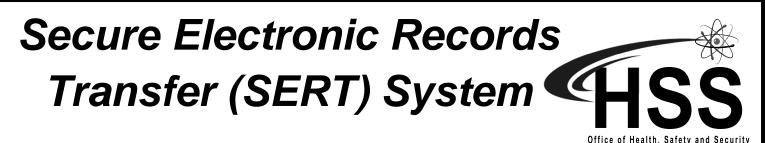


# **DOE Initiatives**

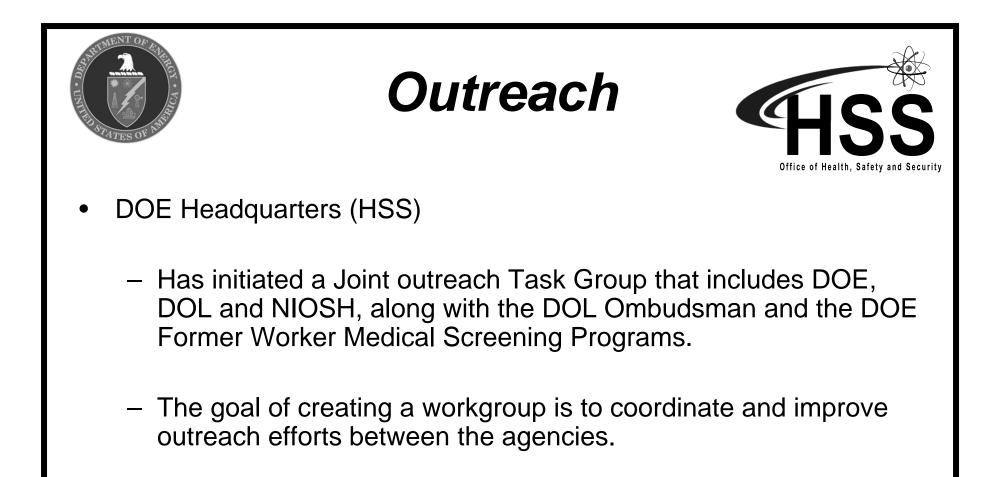


- Ongoing effort to identify additional records collections useful for EEOICPA.
  - Collections are evaluated, indexed and cross referenced against previous claims.
- Sandia National Lab and Nevada National Security Site (former Nevada Test Site) collaborating on a legacy records collection potentially useful for EEOICPA requests.





- The SERT is an HSS-hosted environment where DOL and NIOSH can send and receive records and data in a secure manner.
- To effectively securing large volumes of PII information, the system will reduce the time to complete EEOICPA claims and improve transparency between Agencies.
- Currently, all DOL, NIOSH and DOE users have been trained and we are taking the final steps to go live.



- The Group held 18 "Town Hall" meetings in and near the communities of 9 DOE sites.
- <u>http://www.hss.doe.gov/healthsafety/FWSP/Formerworkermed/e</u> vents\_calendars.html





- Preparing an informational video on the benefits and services available to DOE workers and their family members through the Former Worker Medical Screening Program (FWP) and the EEOICPA Program.
- The video is intended as an additional outreach tool to promote the FWP and EEOICPA; it will not replace the Town Hall meetings that the JOTG holds in the communities near and around the DOE sites.





- 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
- Further information on the FWP can be found at: <u>http://www.hss.energy.gov/HealthSafety/FWSP/formerw</u> <u>orkermed/</u>



# Former Worker Medical Screening Program

Local Screening Programs for Rocky Flats:

- Production Workers
  - Principal Investigator: Donna Cragle, PhD,
  - Co-Principal Investigators: John McInerney, MD, and Lee Newman, MD
  - Local Outreach:1-866-812-6703
- Construction Workers
  - Principal Investigator: Knut Ringen, DrPH, MHA, MPH
  - Local Outreach:1-800-866-9663

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