# **NIOSH Program Update**

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### Meeting of the Advisory Board on Radiation and Worker Health March 2016 in Tampa, FL



# **New items**

- Personnel
- The Advisory Board on Toxic Substances and Worker Health



# **Worker Outreach Actions**

- The Joint Outreach Task Group (JOTG) met in Orlando and Tampa in February
- JOTG will be in Idaho in June 2016 both Idaho Falls and Pocatello
- Also, will be 1-day dose reconstruction (DR) and Special Exposure Cohort (SEC) workshop in Richland, WA
- Public information about the JOTG is available at: http://www.energy.gov/ehss/videos/jotg-videointroduction



# **Total cases to NIOSH**

- 44,880 as of Feb 29, 2016, from the Department of Labor (DOL)
  - **1,279** in DR at NIOSH
  - 749 administratively closed
- 42,852 total cases sent back to DOL

#### For public information:

**Claimant**— An individual who filed a claim and is seeking compensation under the Act; either an energy worker or a survivor of an energy worker.

**Dose Reconstruction (DR)**— The scientific method NIOSH uses under the Act to determine the amount (dose) of radiation an energy worker likely received while working at a Department of Energy (DOE) or Atomic Weapons Employer facility.

#### Claimants must first file with DOL



# Returned to DOL as of March 2, 2016

- **38,042** cases sent with DR report
- 1,434 currently pulled DR to DOL
- **3,376** pulled for SEC consideration



# **Probability of Causation (PoC)**

## Summary –

- Of the **38,042** completed DRs sent back to DOL for final adjudication
- **10,725** cases had a PoC ≥ 50%
- 27,317 cases had a PoC < 50%</p>



# First 5,000 DRs summary

- 4,887 claims at DOL
  - **263** pulled for DOL issues
  - **391** pulled for SEC
  - **4,233** submitted with DR
  - 94 claims at NIOSH
  - 82 administratively closed
  - **1** DRs with claimants (0 initial; 1 DOL returns)
  - **11** DRs in process (1 initial; 10 DOL returns)
  - 19 claim numbers deleted



# First 10,000 DRs summary

## • 9,806 claims at DOL

- **439** pulled for DOL issues
- **1,025** pulled for SEC
- **8,342** submitted with DR
- 164 claims at NIOSH
- **145** administratively closed
- **4** DRs with claimants (0 initial; 1 DOL returns)
- **15** DRs in process (**1**\* initial; 10 DOL returns)
- **30** claim numbers deleted



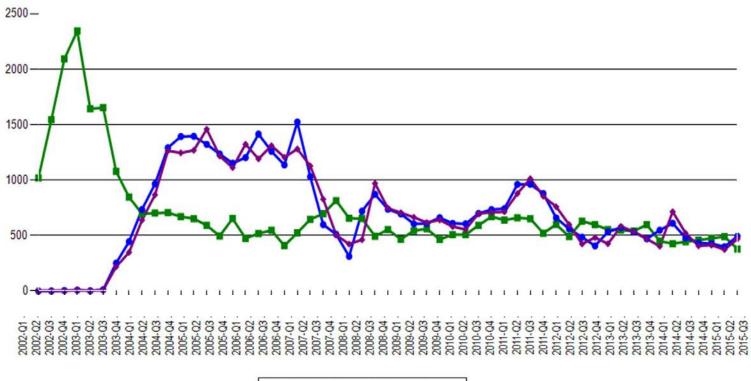
# **Department of Energy records requests**

## As of March 14, 2016

- 215 outstanding
- 8 more than 60 days



# **Submittals v. Production**







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