



# Department of Energy Support to the Energy Employees Occupational Illness Compensation Program Act (EEOICPA)



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# News



- DOE has been meeting weekly with DOL and NIOSH to discuss the NIOSH Cybersecurity Modernization Initiative.
- DOL sending lists of dose reconstruction cases to DOE
- DOE sites will be gathering records for these cases and will be ready when NIOSH has completed the cybersecurity modernization
- DOE sites also continue to process records requests as we receive them from NIOSH



# DOE's Core Mandate



Work on behalf of the program claimants to ensure that all available worker and facility records and data are provided to DOL, NIOSH, and the Advisory Board.



# DOE Responsibilities

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



# Individual Records

- Claimants often worked at multiple DOE sites, for multiple contractors and subcontractors, and in different jobs or divisions over a career.
- For a typical request for a worker's records, DOE may have to go to many different site departments and within those departments many different records sources or databases.
- For example, one DOE site routinely checks approximately 40 different sources for responsive records, including hardcopy paper records, microfilm, microfiche, databases, and scanned electronic records.



# Large-Scale Research Projects



- Large-scale research projects are driven by the needs of DOL and NIOSH.
- Recent data capture requests for the following DOE sites:
  - DOE Office of Legacy Management
  - Hanford
  - Idaho National Lab



# Document Reviews

- DOE committed to providing documents to NIOSH, DOL, and the Advisory Board, but must do so in a responsible manner.
- DOE HQ reviews NIOSH generated reports but DOE field sites review the DOE source documents
  - The average turnaround time for reports reviewed at DOE HQ is typically about 8 workdays. (but there are fewer reports and they are typically shorter)
  - The turnaround time for source documents reviewed in the field can vary considerably because there can be hundreds of documents requested and thousands of pages to review.





# Facility Research

Research and maintain the Covered Facilities Database

- Database of **over 300 facilities covered** under EEOICPA. This includes DOE facilities, AWEs and Beryllium Vendors whose employees are eligible for benefits under EEOICP.
- Full listing can be found at:  
<https://ehss.energy.gov/Search/Facility/findfacility.aspx>





# Former Worker Medical Screening Program



- 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.
- Published an annual report.



# Former Worker Program



FWP website:

- <http://energy.gov/ehss/services/worker-health-and-safety/former-worker-medical-screening-program>

FWP brochure:

- <http://energy.gov/ehss/downloads/former-worker-medical-screening-program-brochure>



# Questions?