



# NIOSH Program Update

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# Contracts, Staffing

- In process of hiring 3 health physicists due to retirement and job changes
- In process of hiring 1 Administrative Officer due to job change

# IT Update (1 of 2)

- Able to process all cases manually
- We have achieved steady-state processing of dose reconstructions.
  - *This means that dose reconstructions are being completed at the same rate that new dose reconstruction referrals are received from the Department of Labor. We continue to achieve our goal of having more than 90% of all dose reconstructions completed within 5 months of receiving the last data required for completion.*

# IT Update (2 of 2)

- We continue to work on data management systems, e.g., Site Research Data Base (SRDB)

# Workshops, Town Halls, Outreach

- Scheduled outreach meetings to NM, AZ and TN postponed due to local COVID Levels.
- Plan to reschedule these in-person meetings for 2023

# Record Requests to Department of Energy

271 total outstanding

- 12 between 61 and 120 days old
- 2 between 121 and 180 days old
- 8 greater than 180 days old

# Case status report\*

- 55,350 cases to NIOSH from DOL
- 53,227 returned to DOL
  - 1,193 at NIOSH for dose reconstruction (DR)
  - 930 administratively closed
- 47,768 submitted DOL with DR
  - 1,814 pulled from DR by DOL
  - 3,645 pulled for Special Exposure Cohort (SEC)

\*As of August 09, 2022

# Probability of Causation Summary

- 47,768 DRs sent for final adjudication
  - 34,969 less than 50% - 73% of total
  - 12,799 greater than 50% - 27% of total
  - Typically, the cases have been between 25% and 30% at 50% or greater and 70% to 75% less than 50%.



# Active Cases

- 1,180\* active at NIOSH for DR
  - 73 in the DR process
  - 197 draft DR reports with claimants
  - 910 cases preparing for DR