

# Overview of the Dose Reconstruction Process under the Act

DOL to NIOSH and back to DOL

This card provides a brief overview of the process a claim will go through once it is filed with the Department of Labor under Part B of the Energy Employees Occupational Illness Compensation Program Act. NIOSH has identified 16 key steps in this process.

To keep track of your dose reconstruction claim, place a check mark in the box in the left-hand column after your claim completes each step. Receiving this packet of information indicates that your claim has completed Step 4 and NIOSH has begun Step 5.

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## Claims are with the Department of Labor (DOL) for Steps 1 & 2

- Step 1**– Energy worker or a survivor of an energy worker submits a claim to DOL.
- Step 2**– DOL sends claims involving possible radiation exposure and cancer diagnosis to NIOSH for dose reconstruction. All other claims stay with DOL.

## Claims are with NIOSH for Steps 3 through 14

- Step 3**– Claim information is entered into a tracking database and the claim is assigned a NIOSH tracking number.
- Step 4**– Claimant receives a packet of informational materials with a letter explaining that NIOSH has received his/her claim from DOL for dose reconstruction.
- Step 5**– NIOSH begins gathering information needed to complete the dose reconstruction.
- Step 6**– Claimant receives a letter from Oak Ridge Associated Universities (ORAU—a NIOSH contractor) requesting to schedule a voluntary telephone interview.
- Step 7**– The voluntary telephone interview is conducted with the claimant if he/she chooses to participate in the interview.

*See reverse side for additional steps*

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## Claims are with NIOSH for Steps 3 through 14 (continued)

- Step 8**– Claimant receives a summary report of the voluntary telephone interview if he/she participated in the interview.
- Step 9**– Claimant receives a ‘Conflict of Interest Letter’ explaining how claims are assigned to a health physicist for dose reconstruction.
- Step 10**– Claim is assigned to a health physicist and dose reconstruction begins.
- Step 11**– Claimant receives the draft dose reconstruction report and OCAS-1 Form from NIOSH for review.
- Step 12**– Claimant has an opportunity to discuss the draft dose reconstruction report with NIOSH or ORAU before it is finalized and returned to DOL for a compensation decision.
- Step 13**– Claimant signs and returns the OCAS-1 Form to NIOSH stating that he/she does not have any additional information to share with NIOSH about his/her claim at this time.
- Step 14**– NIOSH sends the final dose reconstruction report to the claimant and DOL.

## Claims are with the Department of Labor (DOL) for Steps 15 & 16

- Step 15**– DOL receives the final dose reconstruction report from NIOSH; uses it to determine whether the energy worker’s cancer was “at least as likely as not” caused by workplace exposure to radiation; and issues the claimant a recommended decision.
- Step 16**– DOL issues a final decision to the claimant regarding compensation.

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For more information about dose reconstruction, contact NIOSH toll-free at 1-800-356-4674; directly at 513-533-6800; by email at [ocas@cdc.gov](mailto:ocas@cdc.gov); or visit the Web site at [www.cdc.gov/niosh/ocas](http://www.cdc.gov/niosh/ocas).