

**Annual Report of Accomplishments and Outcomes  
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**Program type:** Fundamental Surveillance

**Major Outputs and Products**

Reports and Publications

**NIOSH eNews, January 2015**

OHSP wrote and submitted a NIOSH eNews update for the “News from Our Partners” section in the January 2015 edition: [www.cdc.gov/niosh/enews/enewsv12n9.html](http://www.cdc.gov/niosh/enews/enewsv12n9.html).

Presentations

- Workplace Fatalities in New Mexico, 2013. Presented during the New Mexico Quarterly Epidemiology Meeting in Albuquerque, NM, May 20, 2015.

Workshops and Conferences

- WestON Annual Meeting, September 2014  
Attended the WestON Annual Meeting in Golden, CO.
- In March 2015, submitted abstract for the Council of State and Territorial Epidemiologists Annual Conference titled “New Mexico Workplace Fatalities, 2013.”
- In April 2015 in collaboration with the New Mexico Poison and Drug Information Center, submitted abstract titled “Probable Green Tobacco Sickness from Occupational Preparation of e-cigarette Products.” This abstract has been accepted for presentation during the North American Congress of Clinical Toxicology scheduled on October 8-12, 2015 in San Francisco.
- Attended WestON Oil and Gas Summit in Cheyenne, Wyoming, June 26, 2015.

Databases

Environmental Notifiable Conditions Database (ENOC)

The Environmental Health Epidemiology Bureau (EHEB) database has been developed to organize all of the reported occupational and environmental health notifiable conditions cases for the state of New Mexico. Variables in the database include the location of work-related injuries and illnesses, the industry, demographics such as age and gender, and others. The database has been used for occupational-related fatalities case confirmation and analysis of data for reports.

## Outreach and Products

### **Tribal Health Fair Week**

The OHSP exhibited information on occupational illness and injury prevention at four tribal communities during the tribal health fair week in October 2014:

- Santa Ana Pueblo
- Nambe Pueblo
- Mescalero Apache
- Sandia Pueblo

### **Email Distribution**

The OHSP produced and disseminated the Summer 2014 e-bulletin to the OHSP listserv of stakeholders, providers and others interested in occupational health in NM. E-bulletin was sent on July 8, 2014 and can be accessed at <http://eepurl.com/Wkm3X>.

### **Literature Review**

Researched and provided six articles for a 92-year-old adult client that requested articles published before 1996 on lead poisoning in adults. In addition, searched for a New Mexico clinic or hospital or program that offers x-ray fluorescence services to measure bone lead to patients that were exposed to lead while in military service.

### **Educational Materials** ([nmhealth.org/go/ohsp](http://nmhealth.org/go/ohsp))

The OHSP developed one new educational piece and updated two current pieces:

- Developed *Silicosis in New Mexico* (infographic). July, 2014. The infographic is posted on the [OHSP website](#), [NMDOH Pinterest](#), and [NIOSH State-based Occupational Health Surveillance Clearinghouse](#).
- Updated *Reporting Pesticide in NM* (revised with a form, list of symptoms, and workers at risk). The publication is on the OHSP website.
- With permission from California Department of Public Health, Occupational Lead Poisoning Prevention Program, the OHSP included NM contact information on *Don't take lead home from your job!* The publication is on the OHSP website.

## New Partnerships

- OHSP staff had a conference call meeting with Kyla Retzer, Sophia Ridl, and Ryan Hill with NIOSH Oil and Gas Program, and Robert Genoway and Melissa Barker with New Mexico OSHA about potential collaboration to collect information about oil and gas extraction worker fatalities that occur in New Mexico. September, 2014.
- OHSP met with the New Mexico Department of Public Safety to discuss how occupational-related transportation data could be provided to OHSP to improve workplace fatality data.
- The NMOHSP established a partnership with the New Mexico Bureau of Mine Safety to track occupational-related mine injuries and fatalities. This was as a result of the NMOHSP October 2014 investigation of an incident that involved toxic exposure of sulfuric acid and hydrogen sulfide gas among 8 miners.