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

Office of Environment, Health, Safety and Security

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Program News

- Recent update to our Secure Electronic Records Transfer (SERT) system. Should allow for smoother transfer of records, better communication between agencies.

- Increase in record requests –8.5% from last year.

    – FY 23   18,765   --FY 24 @ 20,510

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.

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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.

Research Projects

- Large-scale research projects are driven by the needs of DOL and NIOSH.
- Recent data capture requests for the following DOE sites:
  - ❑ Y-12
  - ❑ Hanford
  - ❑ Oak Ridge National Lab
  - ❑ WIPP
  - ❑ BWXT
  - ❑ Nevada Test Site
  - ❑ DOE Environmental Management Consolidated Business Center (Santa Susanna)
  - ❑ Sandia Albuquerque
  - ❑ Idaho National Lab
  - ❑ Los Alamos
  - ❑ Other closed sites

  DOL Site Exposure Matrices
  - ❑ Nevada Test Site
  - ❑ WIPP
  - ❑ Kansas City Plant

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

DOE Metrics

DOE Responses (45)	Total
FY 24	20,510
Over 60 Days	1,034
% On Time	95%
Since 2001 Responses (Approx)	360,000

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.

Questions?