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WORKERS' SPOTLIGHT

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A NOTE FROM THE DIRECTOR

By Greg Lewis

In the past few months there have been a number of changes that have taken place at DOE Headquarters, which have affected the Office of Worker Screening and Compensation Support, both with our organizational structure and with our staffing.

First, the DOE Office of

Health, Safety and Security (HSS) was re-organized and split into two distinct offices, the Office of Environment, Health, Safety and Security (AU) and the Office of Independent Enterprise Assessments (EA). The Office of Health and Safety and the Office of Worker Screening and Compensation Support are now part of the AU organization, and our organizational codes are now AU-10 and AU-14, respectively.

I also have some good news with regard to AU to share with everyone. As of early June, Cecelia Kenney has moved to the AU front office to assist them in setting up all of the procedures, policies, and infrastructure that come with a brand new organization. Cecelia had previously held a similar role within the former HSS

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2014 SYLVIA KIEDING AWARD

We are pleased to announce that on May 15, 2014, two staff members from our own Office of Worker Screening and Compensation Support received an award for their work on the Former Worker Medical Screening Program (FWP). Ms. Mary Fields and Ms. Moriah Ferullo are the 2014 recipients of the Sylvia Kieding Award given by the Worker Health Protection Program (WHPP). The WHPP is one of the FWP projects, which is conducted jointly by Queens College of the City University of New York, United Steelworkers, the Atomic Trades and Labor Council in Oak Ridge, and the former Fernald Atomic Trades and Labor Council.

Sylvia Kieding (1945-2011) was an occupational health and safety specialist with the United Steelworkers (USW) and its union predecessors for 40 years. She formerly directed the Occupational Safety and Health Department of the Oil Chemical and Atomic Workers Union, a leading force in the creation of the Occupational Safety and Health Administration and in developing the Hazard Communication Standard and other occupational health policies. In 1997, she co-founded WHPP. In 2012, Queens College and the USW created the Sylvia Kieding Award to honor her and to recognize dedicated



Mrs. Mary Fields receiving the award from Dr. Steven Markowitz of Queens College

people who strive effectively to advance the safety and health of workers and who reflect Sylvia Kieding's commitment to justice. Previous recipients have been James Melius, MD, DrPH (2012); and Amy Manowitz, MPH (2013).

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THE NATIONAL ATOMIC TESTING MUSEUM

We are continuing our series on the museums related to the Department of Energy (DOE), and for this edition we are focusing on the National Atomic Testing Museum (NATM). The NATM is located in Las Vegas, Nevada, near the Nevada Test Site (NTS), which was the site of the majority of nuclear tests conducted by the United States.

The NATM opened in 2005 and is one of a select group of museums nationwide to become formally affiliated with the Smithsonian museum system. It is located at 755 E. Flamingo Road, which is near the University of Nevada at Las Vegas and to the east side of the Las Vegas strip.

The NATM has a wealth of exhibits and displays with information on more than 1,000 nuclear tests conducted by the United States at the NTS, the Pacific Proving Grounds, the Aleutian Islands in Alaska, as well as a few other locations in the continental United States. The NATM is currently featuring an exhibit on Area 51 exploring the myths versus reality of that facility. The museum also has permanent exhibits, including the development of the original atomic bomb, the technology behind the underground nuclear testing, the monitoring and measurement of radiation, pictures and videos of the early atmospheric testing and memorabilia demonstrating "atomic culture." The NATM has also partnered with DOE for the past 3 years to host events to commemorate the National Day of Remembrance for Nuclear Weapons Workers. ■

DIRECTOR'S NOTE *cont.*

front office, so she is uniquely suited to this position and will be a tremendous asset to the AU management team. Of course, in AU-14, we are very sad to see her go, but we know her work in the AU front office will continue to benefit us, as well as the other AU offices. Over the past 2 years, Cecelia has been instrumental in developing more sophisticated methods for tracking and managing the EEOICPA budget. Through her hard work we have been able to streamline operations and cut costs for existing EEOICPA activities throughout the DOE complex, allowing us to put the funding we saved towards additional NIOSH research projects and other activities to improve records collections and the overall quality of DOE's responses to DOL and NIOSH.

I would like to personally thank her for her hard work and dedication to our mission over the last 2 years and wish her the best of luck on the new challenges she will face in the front office! ■

THE AWARD *cont.*

Ms. Fields and Ms. Ferullo have been a part of the FWP for close to 10 years; and, in many ways, their work reflects the passion and commitment for worker safety and health that embodied Sylvia Kieding during her life. Ms. Fields and Ms. Ferullo have performed multiple roles over the years working on the FWP; currently, Ms. Fields is the FWP Program Manager, and Ms. Ferullo is the Outreach and Communications Coordinator. Together, they are the lead staff at DOE working on the FWP and have been a big reason why the FWP, which has just marked its 15th anniversary, has been able to screen more workers in the last 2 years than any other 2-year period in the program's history while maintaining a 97 percent satisfaction rate from program participants.



Ms. Moriah Ferullo receiving the award from Dr. Steven Markowitz of Queens College

The fact that Ms. Fields and Ms. Ferullo have received this award is particularly noteworthy because in the past it has typically been given to a person from Queens College, United Steelworkers, the Atomic Trades and Labor Council in Oak Ridge, or the former Fernald Atomic Trades and Labor Council. This is the first time the award has been given to Federal government employees, which demonstrates the high esteem WHPP has for the contributions Ms. Fields and Ms. Ferullo have made to the program.

Both Ms. Fields and Ms. Ferullo embody the spirit, passion, and tireless work ethic that Sylvia Kieding brought to her work; and the AU organization is honored that WHPP chose to recognize their outstanding contribution to the safety and health of workers. ■



TRIVIA QUESTION

On October 8th, 2014, North Americans will have an opportunity to see the second of this 2014-2015 tetrad?

Calendar of Events



August

- 5** 8:00 am FWP
Mound Retiree Breakfast
Bob Evans Restaurant, 220 Byers Road, Miamisburg, OH
- 9:00 am Local Event
Y-12 All Retiree Meeting
Shoney's, 204 South Illinois Avenue, Oak Ridge, TN
- 6** 7:15 am Local Event
X-10 All Retiree Meeting
Shoney's, 8529 Kingston Pike, Knoxville, TN
- 9:00 am Local Event
Y-12 Inspector Retiree Meeting
Shoney's, 1100 U.S. 321, Oak Ridge, TN
- 11:00 am Local Event
Y-12 Guards Retiree Meeting
Shoney's U.S. 321, Oak Ridge, TN
- 4:30 pm FWP
X-10/Y-12 ATLC Council Meeting
109 Viking Road, Oak Ridge, TN
- 7** 9:00 am Local Event
X-10/Y-12 Asbestos Retiree Meeting
Shoney's, 3739 West US Highway 9, Lake City, TN
- 6:00 pm FWP
K-25 Meeting for the Alliance of Grandfather Retirees and Employees (AGRE)
USW Union Hall, 133 Raleigh Road, Oak Ridge, TN
- 14** 11:00 am Local Event
X-10 Guards Retiree Meeting
Shoney's, 1100 U.S. 321, Oak Ridge, TN
- 11:00 am FWP Event
Line 1/IAAP
Commemoration Luncheon with special guest Tom Harkin
Burlington Memorial Auditorium, 200 North Front St, Burlington, IA
- 19** 12:00 pm Local Event
X-10/Y-12 Machinists Local 480 Retiree Meeting
Local 480 Hall, Oak Ridge, TN
- 5:00 pm Local Event
Y-12 Gage Lab
Gondolier, Oak Ridge, TN
- 21** 11:30 am FWP
Mound Retiree Luncheon
Golden Corral, 8870 Kingsridge Drive, Miamisburg, OH

September

- 2** 8:00 am FWP
Mound Retiree Breakfast
Bob Evans Restaurant, 220 Byers Road, Miamisburg, OH
- 9:00 am Local Event
Y-12 All Retiree Meeting
Shoney's, 204 South Illinois Avenue, Oak Ridge, TN

September cont.

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USW Union Hall, 133 Raleigh Road, Oak Ridge, TN
- 5** 11:00 am FWP Event
Ames Laboratory Commemoration Luncheon
Iowa State University's Reiman Gardens Conservatory Complex
Garden Room, 1407 University Blvd, Ames IA
- 11** 11:00 am Local Event
X-10 Guards Retiree Meeting
Shoney's, 1100 U.S. 321, Oak Ridge, TN
- 16** 12:00 pm Local Event
X-10/Y-12 Machinists Local 480 Retiree Meeting
Local 480 Hall, Oak Ridge, TN
- 5:00 pm Local Event
Y-12
Gage Lab, Gondolier, Oak Ridge, TN
- 18** 11:30 am FWP
Mound Retiree Luncheon
Golden Corral, 8870 Kingsridge Drive, Miamisburg, OH

For a complete list of calendar events, visit:

http://www.hss.doe.gov/healthsafety/FWSP/Formerworkermed/events_calendars.htm

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Trivia Answer: Four lunar successions coming this year and next; the most unique thing about the 2014-2015 tetrad is that all of them are visible for all, or parts, of the USA. Don't miss your opportunity to see a "blood moon" on October 8th, 2014, April 4th, 2015, or September 28th, 2015.