A Basic Overview of the
ENERGY EMPLOYEES OCCUPATIONAL ILLNESS COMPENSATION PROGRAM ACT

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This pamphlet is developed by the Department of Energy (DOE) as an outreach and awareness tool to assist former and current DOE Federal, contractor, and subcontractor employees to become familiar with and utilize the services and benefits authorized under the Energy Employees Occupational Illness Compensation Program Act (EEOICPA).

There are several Federal entities that support implementation of EEOICPA. Each of these entities serves a critical and unique role in this process. Briefly, the Department of Labor’s (DOL) Office of Workers' Compensation Programs (OWCP) is responsible for adjudicating and administering claims filed by current employees, former employees, or certain qualified survivors.

The National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH) and the Advisory Board on Radiation and Worker Health (Advisory Board) are responsible for conducting occupational radiation dose reconstructions for certain claims filed under EEOICPA. NIOSH and the Advisory Board are also responsible for conducting research and evaluating Special Exposure Cohort (SEC) petitions.

DOE’s role is to work on behalf of the program claimants to ensure that all available worker and facility records and data are provided to DOL, NIOSH, and/or the Department of Justice (DOJ) upon request. These records serve as the basis for DOL and NIOSH to make informed decisions. DOE views this important function as a moral commitment to thousands of its workers who have dedicated their lives to maintaining the national security and advancing our country in the areas of science and technology.

DOE’s support of EEOICPA is overseen by the Office of Health, Safety and Security (HSS). The Former Worker Medical Screening Program (FWP) and EEOICPA are two of the most important programs within the Department and have the unwavering commitment and support of DOE’s senior leadership, both at DOE Headquarters and at DOE Program Offices and Field Sites.

I encourage you to explore this pamphlet, find out more by referring to the many information sources cited, and contact us if you have any questions regarding DOE’s role in providing this important service.

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What is the Energy Employees Occupational Illness Compensation Program Act (EEOICPA)?

EEOICPA required implementation of a program to provide compensation to employees of DOE, its predecessor Agencies, and its contractors and subcontractors involved in nuclear weapons production and testing programs that develop an occupational-related illness. This also includes delivering benefits to certain beneficiaries of section 5 of the Radiation Exposure Compensation Act (RECA). EEOICPA is often referred to as part B or part E.

Part B was implemented in July 2001 to cover current and former workers who have been diagnosed with cancers, beryllium disease, or silicosis, and whose illness was caused by exposure to radiation, beryllium, or silica at a covered facility.

Individuals or their survivors found eligible under part B may receive a lump-sum compensation payment of $150,000 and medical expenses for their covered condition.

EEOICPA also has provisions for SEC, which allow eligible claims to be compensated without the completion of a radiation dose reconstruction or determination of the probability of causation. To qualify for compensation under SEC, a covered employee must have at least one of 22 "specified cancers" and worked for a specified period of time at one of the SEC worksites. To review the list of SECs and the list of specific cancers, please refer to the following link: http://www.cdc.gov/niosh/ocas/ocassec.html.

Part E of the Act was created as an amendment to EEOICPA in October 2004, transferring the old part D from DOE to DOL. Part E provides coverage to DOE contractor or subcontractor employees, or a RECA section 5 uranium worker who developed an illness, including cancer, beryllium disease, and silicosis, as a result of occupational exposure to a toxic substance at a covered DOE facility.
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Workers found eligible under part E of EEOICPA receive payment of their medical expenses for their covered illness and may also be eligible for impairment and/or wage loss compensation. Survivors found eligible under part E receive a lump-sum compensation payment and may also be eligible to receive additional compensation if the worker experienced wage loss due to the accepted condition.

EEOICPA also pays workers who were approved for compensation under section 5 of RECA, or their eligible survivors, an additional $50,000 and future medical benefits related to the condition for which they were approved for compensation under RECA. Section 5 of the RECA statute covers uranium miners, uranium mill workers, and uranium ore transporters.

Where can you Obtain the Claim Forms and File a Claim?

To obtain more information about program eligibility, benefits for eligible workers, or how to file a claim, please refer to the DOL Web site at http://www.dol.gov/esa/owcp/energy/index.htm or contact your local DOL Resource Center. A list of DOL Resource Centers, along with contact information, is included at the end of this pamphlet in attachment 1.
Implementation of EEOICPA is supported by several Federal entities. These include DOL, DOE, NIOSH, the Advisory Board, and DOJ.

Each of these entities serves a unique and critical role in the administration of EEOICPA. Briefly, DOL’s OWCP is responsible for adjudicating and administering claims filed by current employees, former employees, or certain qualified survivors. NIOSH is primarily responsible for conducting occupational dose reconstructions for cancer claims and for overseeing the petitioning process for adding additional classes of employees under SEC. DOJ manages and adjudicates claims filed under RECA.

The Advisory Board serves several important functions, including: (a) advise the Secretary, Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), on the development of guidelines under section 2(b)(i) of Executive Order 13179; (b) advise the Secretary, HHS, on the scientific validity and quality of dose reconstruction efforts performed for this Program; and (c) upon request by the Secretary, HHS, advise the Secretary on whether there is a class of employees at any DOE facility who were exposed to radiation, but for whom it is not feasible to estimate their radiation dose, and on whether there is reasonable likelihood that such radiation doses may have

DOE’s main role is to provide records to DOL and NIOSH to support claim processing, dose reconstruction, and, ultimately, claim adjudication. To accomplish this important role in a timely fashion, DOE works with its contractors and subcontractors to identify and provide worker and facility records and data on radiological exposures and monitoring requested by NIOSH, DOJ, or DOL.

DOE supports claimants by providing three major services:

1. Respond to DOL and NIOSH requests for information related to individual claims. (employment verification, exposure records)
2. Provide support and assistance to DOL, NIOSH, and Advisory Board on large-scale records research and retrieval efforts at various DOE sites.
3. Conduct research, in coordination with DOL and NIOSH, on issues related to covered facilities designations. (343 covered facilities)
**DOE’s Role Related to Individual Claims**

DOE primarily responds to three different types of records requests from DOL and NIOSH in the following ways:

- **Employment Verification** – DOE searches human resources and other types of records to verify employment at one of the covered EEOICPA DOE facilities during a covered time period. The scope of this activity does not include atomic weapons employer (AWE) facilities or Beryllium Vendors, which are private entities.

- **Document Acquisition Request (DAR)** – These are requests for exposure information related to an individual and typically require information from many different departments/groups onsite, including industrial hygiene (IH), radiological (Rad) controls, Human Resources department, inactive records storage, medical, etc.

- **Radiological Data Request** – These involve NIOSH requests for individual-specific, radiological-monitoring data to support dose reconstruction.

**DOE’s Role in Large Scale Records Research**

DOE works closely with NIOSH and the Advisory Board to identify potential sources of information necessary to make final recommendation. DOE helps locate relevant records, provide access to site subject matter experts and site records, conduct necessary classification reviews, and provide copies of documents. DOE also supports other large-scale records research projects for NIOSH, the NIOSH Advisory Board, and DOL.

**DOE’s Role Related to Covered Facility Designations**

DOE has a team of records research experts that work closely with both DOL and NIOSH on covered facility research and designations.

The DOE Covered Facility Web site can be found at the following link: [http://www.hss.energy.gov/HealthSafety/FWSP/Advocacy/faclist/findfacility.cfm](http://www.hss.energy.gov/HealthSafety/FWSP/Advocacy/faclist/findfacility.cfm)
How does DOE Locate your Records?

To make the record search process more effective, DOE has established an EEOICPA Point of Contact (POC) at each DOE EEOICPA covered facility. The site POCs serve as the EEOICPA Manager for the site, as well as the local liaison for DOE EEOICPA activities. In this role, they interact with DOL, NIOSH, the NIOSH Advisory Board, EEOICPA claimants, and DOE management.

In light of the fact that most DOE sites have been in existence for 40, 50, or even 60 years, there are inherent variations in quality, complexity, and completeness of past recordkeeping practices. DOE makes every effort to identify and locate all available records. Records are maintained in a variety of formats, including: hardcopy paper records, electronic databases, microfilm, microfiche, badge cards, etc. In addition, sites may have records in anywhere from 10 to 30 different onsite locations, offsite storage, Federal Records Center, and the National Archives.

The DOE POCs manage an extensive search process designed to ensure that all available records are found and made available to DOL and NIOSH for informed decisionmaking. To ensure that DOE has exhausted all possible efforts to support claimants, a multitude of records and information sources may be searched, including:

### Employment Records
- Employment Personnel Files
- Personnel Action Forms
- Employee Position Descriptions
- Job Assignment Outlines
- Performance Appraisals/Annual Reviews
- Job Acceptance Notices
- Termination Notices
- Human Resources Personnel Databases
- Personnel Security Badges
- Personnel Security Badging Databases
- Training Records/Training Records Database
- Job Position Descriptions

### Toxic Exposure Records
- Industrial Hygiene Sampling Data
- Industrial Hygiene Hazard Assessments
- Industrial Hygiene Databases
- Safety Reports
- Daily Area Exposure Reports
- Quarterly Area Exposure Reports
- Whole Body Reports
- Urinalysis Reports
- Bioassay Results
- Radiological and Environmental Sciences Lab Reports
- Visitor Dosimetry Badging Reports
- Incident/Accident Reports
- Various Radiological Control Databases
- Various Indexed Details Databases
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Medical Records
- Occupational Medical Files
- Incident/Accident Reports
- X-Ray Reports
- General Physicals
- Various Lab Work Results
- Notice of Injuries
- Notice of Return to Work
- Letters to/from Physicians
- Occupational Medical Databases
- Worker’s Comp File/Database
How does DOE Locate your Records? (continued)

DOE support to SEC Petitions is another critical facet of DOE support to EEOICPA implementation. This support requires identification of a large amount of data on a specific DOE facility. Relevant information can include historical records and data on radiological exposures and radiological monitoring. DOE works closely with NIOSH and the Advisory Board to identify relevant site Subject Matter Experts (SME) to provide information and answer questions. SMEs may include Health Physicists or other radiation experts, IH specialists, union representatives, records managers, and workers/managers in site departments with knowledge of specific site operations of interest to NIOSH. For example, for one SEC research project, over 200 boxes of records (approximately 200,000 pages) were reviewed by NIOSH, the Advisory Board, and contractor staff. This required DOE staff to perform extensive searches in various databases, hardcopy records indices, site departmental records collections, as well as onsite and offsite records archives.

DOE has improved its recordkeeping practices to support current and future workers; for example, DOE has updated its records schedules and has implemented a moratorium on the destruction of records related to worker health and safety. Records are generated, maintained, and dispositioned in accordance with Government guidelines.

Additionally, DOE has launched an aggressive outreach and awareness campaign to ensure that current DOE contractors and subcontractors recognize the importance of the records they generate and are committed to providing access to these records.
There are several ways for you to receive additional information and assistance. Specifically, if you are interested in the DOE role in EEOICPA, you can directly contact:

  - Mr. Gregory Lewis, EEOICPA Program Manager
  - Phone: (202) 586-2407
  - gregory.lewis@hq.doe.gov

If you are seeking information about DOL and NIOSH-administered aspects of EEOICPA, including, but not limited to:

- How to obtain claim forms or file a claim;
- Survivor eligibility;
- Documents and information needed to file a claim;
- The dose reconstruction process;
- Special Exposure Cohort Petitions;
- Claims Adjudication;
- Probability of Causation;
- DOL Site Exposure Matrices;
- Site Profile documents; and
- Offset between EEOICPA and State workers compensation awards.

Contact the following resources for additional information:

- A listing of DOL Division of Energy Employees Occupational Illness Compensation (DEEOIC) Resource Centers and District Offices is provided in attachment 1; and
- Web-based resources are provided in attachment 2.
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<td>Rocky Flats</td>
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<td>Jackson Plaza Office Complex 800 Oak Ridge Turnpike, Suite C-103 Oak Ridge, TN 37830</td>
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<td>Telephone: (865) 481-0411 Fax: (865) 481-8832 Toll Free: (866) 481-0411</td>
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<td>Barkley Center, Unit 125, 125 Memorial Drive Paducah, KY 42001</td>
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719 2nd Avenue, 6th floor, Suite 601  
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Assistant District Director: Ron Sanchez |
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