



**Office of Workers'
Compensation Programs**

**Division of Federal
Employees', Longshore
and Harbor
Workers' Compensation**

**Annual Longshore
Conference:**

March 24 - 25, 2022



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Christopher Godfrey
Director

Office of Workers'
Compensation Programs



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- **Sworn in on January 20, 2021**
- **Previously served as Chief Judge and Chairman of the Employees' Compensation Appeals Board (ECAB) under Secretary of Labor Thomas Perez in the Obama Administration**
- **Served as part of ECAB's leadership until his appointment as OWCP Director**

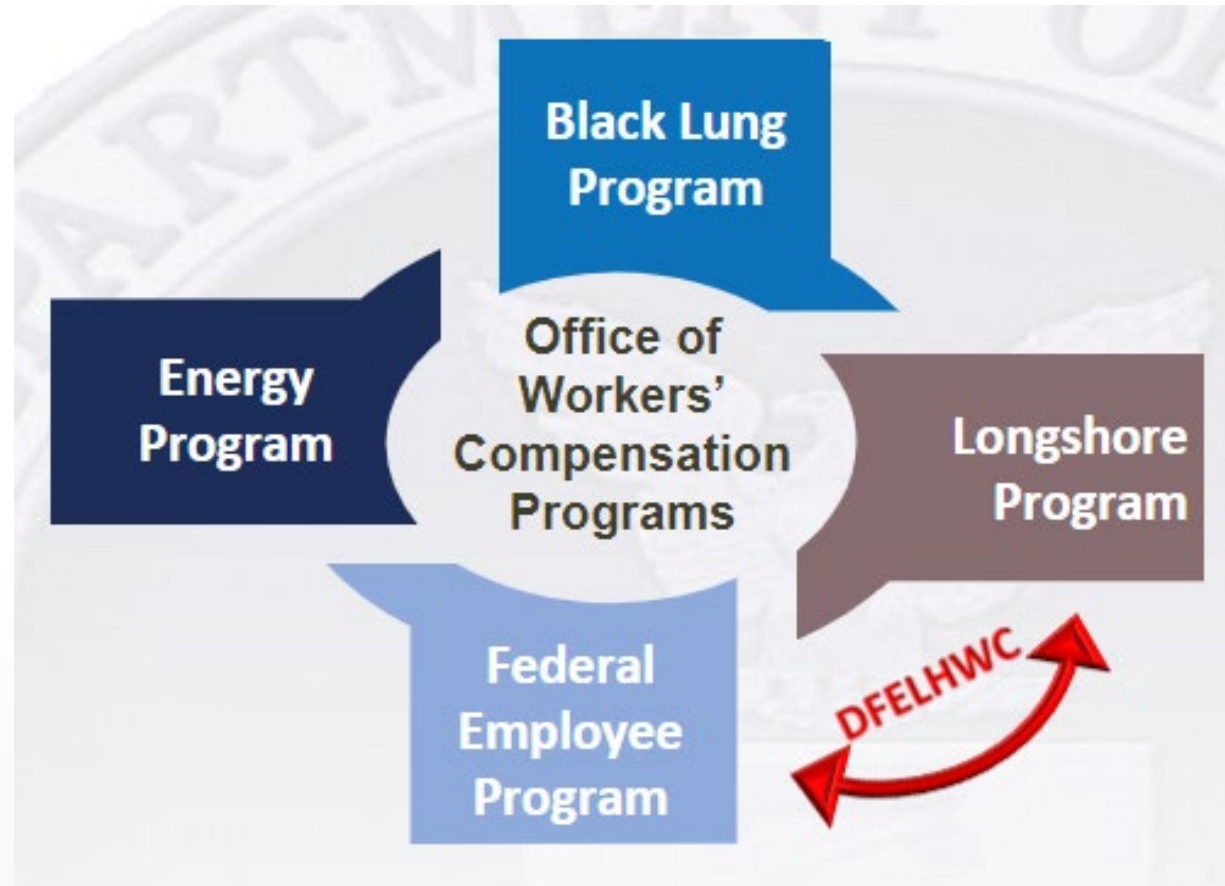


OWCP Programs

- Each of OWCP's four programs provides workers' compensation benefits to different sets of workers.
- The Federal Employees' Compensation Act program serves injured or ill federal employees. Beneficiaries of the program, which has been in place for over 100 years, include Federal Bureau of Investigation agents, postal workers, office workers, emergency responders, forest rangers, air traffic controllers, and many others.
- The Longshore program serves those engaged in maritime work, such as dockworkers, longshore workers, shipbuilders, as well as government contractors outside of the United States and certain employees working on the Outer Continental Shelf.
- The Black Lung program supports coal miners, construction workers, and transportation workers who are regularly exposed to respirable coal mine dust and who have pneumoconiosis, more commonly known as black lung disease.
- The Energy program serves current and former nuclear weapons workers who have been exposed to radiation or other toxic substances at covered Department of Energy and designated private facilities, such as nuclear physicists, uranium miners and millers, and the plumbers, electricians, office workers, janitors and others who maintained the facilities.



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FECA and the Longshore program



Benefits of the Longshore – FECA merger

- **More hiring**
- **Shared Resources**
 - **Outgoing Correspondence**
 - **Back File Conversion**
- **ECOMP**



Getting Back to Normal

- **Reduced Footprint**
- **Expanded Telework**
- **Reentry Plan**
- **OWCP Mentoring Program**



Longshore in 2022 and Beyond

- Penalties
- Regulations

DOL/OWCP

RIN: 1240-AA17

Publication ID: Fall 2021

Title: Longshore and Harbor Workers' Compensation Act: Civil Money Penalties Procedures

Abstract:

The Office of Workers' Compensation Programs (OWCP) administers the Longshore and Harbor Workers' Compensation Act and the Longshore Act's extensions. The Longshore Act sets out monetary penalties that OWCP may assess against Longshore employers or their insurance carriers when they fail to timely file certain reports or falsify those reports, or when employers discriminate against employees for exercising their rights under the Act. To promote accountability and ensure fairness, OWCP will propose new rules for imposing and reviewing civil money penalties prescribed by the Longshore Act. The new rules will set forth the procedures to contest OWCP's determinations. OWCP had previously included this topic in RIN 1240-AA13 but has since decided to propose these rules in a separate NPRM.

Agency: Department of Labor(DOL)

RIN Status: Previously published in the Unified Agenda

Major: No

CFR Citation: [20 CFR 702](#)

Legal Authority: [33 U.S.C. 939](#)

Legal Deadline: None

Timetable:

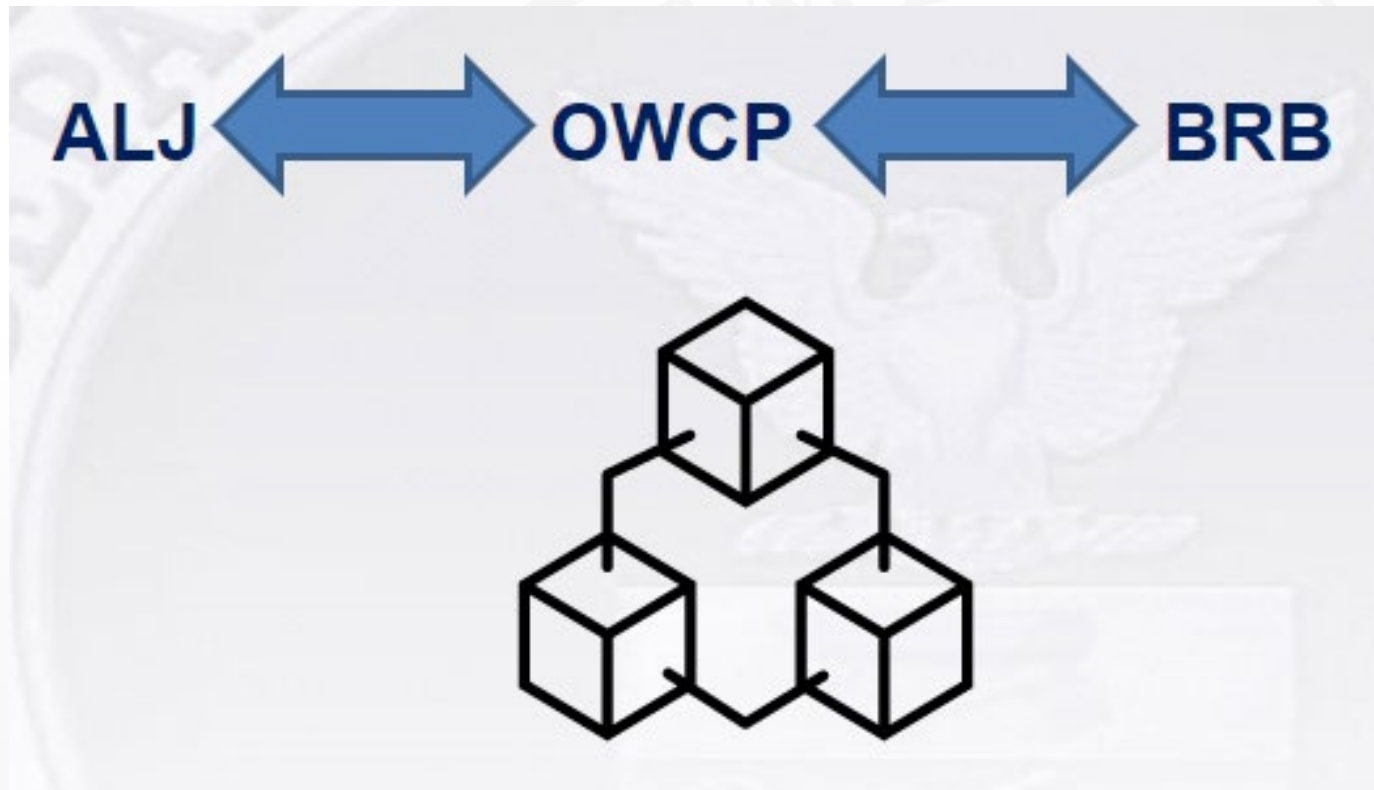
Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Agenda Stage of Rulemaking: Proposed Rule Stage

Unfunded Mandates: No



Electronic File Transfer





Electronic File Transfer

What can you do?

1. Do not password protect any documents that are uploaded via E-File/Serve (EFS). EFS is a secure system that uses the latest security protocols to accept, transmit, and store files.
2. Before uploading a file, make sure the file is not damaged and can be opened by standard Adobe Acrobat Reader software.



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Stephanie Brown, Deputy Director of Longshore Claims

**Division of Federal Employees', Longshore and
Harbor Workers' Compensation (DFELHWC)**



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Administration of Claims and Claims Processes



Compensation Districts Eastern, Southern & Western

**EASTERN
DISTRICT**

**SOUTHERN
DISTRICT**

**WESTERN
DISTRICT**

Suboffices

Boston – Theresa Magyar
New York – Theresa Magyar,
Todd Bruininks
Norfolk – Theresa Magyar

Suboffices

Jacksonville – David Duhon
New Orleans – David Duhon
Houston – David Duhon

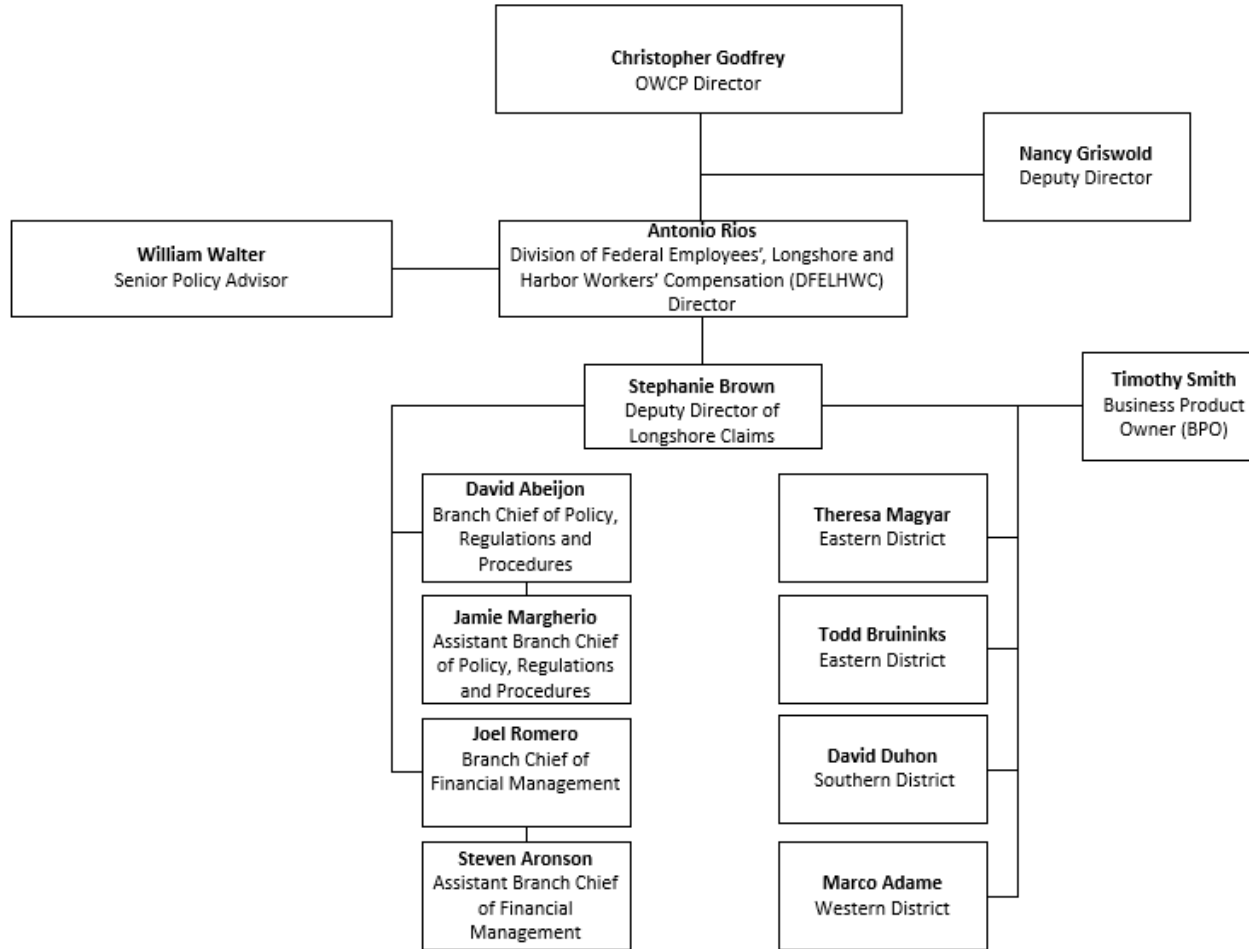
Suboffices

Seattle – Marco Adame
San Francisco – Marco Adame
Long Beach – Marco Adame

Industry Notice #175



DFELHWC – Longshore Organizational Chart





Longshore Workforce

- **District Reorganization and OWCS provide flexibility to hire throughout the country**
- **Larger talent pool to fill vacancies/needs**
- **12 new CEs hired and onboard**
 - **Succession Planning**
 - **Training**
- **Workload Equity**
- **Flexibility to reorganize and reassign based on patterns/trends that drive the workload**



CE Workload – Case Assignment breakdown as of 05/04/2020

District	Number of CEs	% of Total	% of cases by CE
EASTERN	15	52.39%	48%
SOUTHERN	19	26.75%	20%
WESTERN	9	20.86%	32%

Case assignment breakdown post-OWCS



CE Workload – Case Assignment breakdown as of 01/05/2021

District	Number of CEs	% of Total	% of cases by CE
EASTERN	20	51.52%	38%
SOUTHERN	13	29.42%	34%
WESTERN	10	19.06%	28%

Reassignment of Cases and CEs on 01/05/2021 to establish a more equitable distribution of cases.



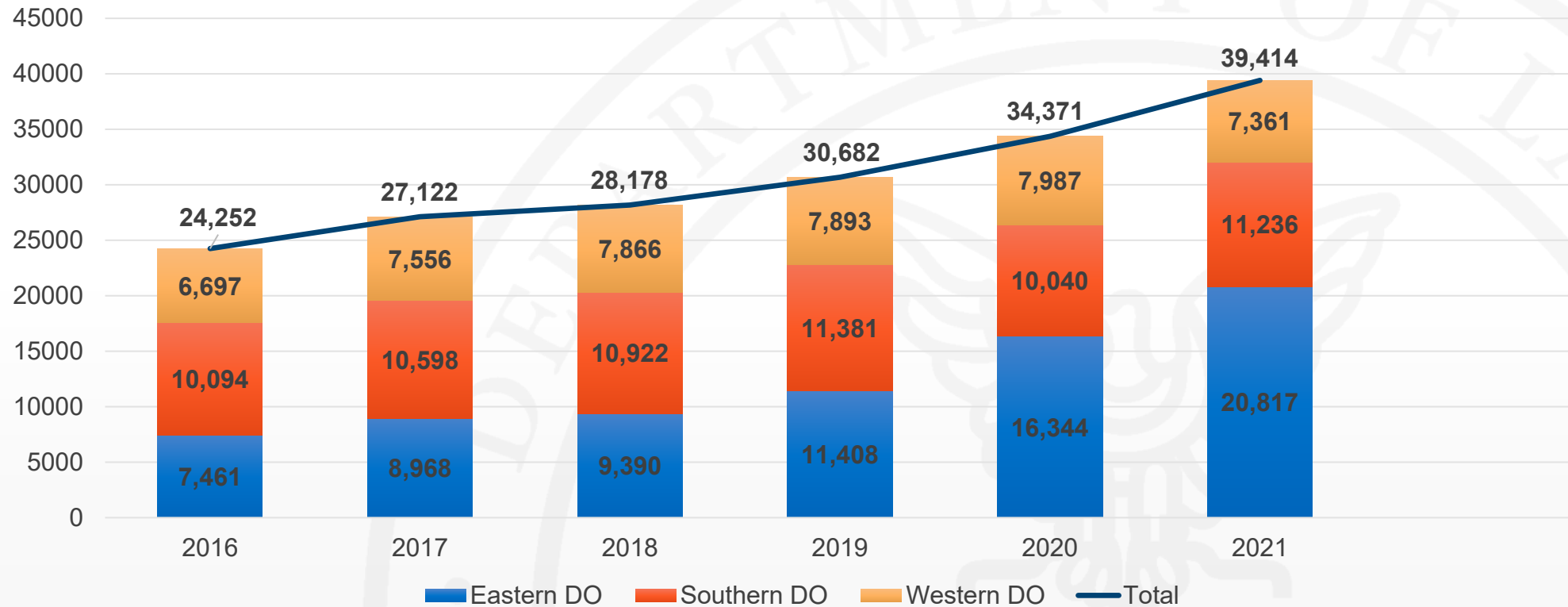
CE Workload – Case Assignment breakdown as of 02/13/2022

District	Number of CEs	% of Total	% of cases by CE
EASTERN	24	52.5%	35%
SOUTHERN	13	28.7%	35%
WESTERN	10	18.7%	30%

Case Assignments following 12 new hires in 2022.



New Cases Created by District Office





Let's work together!



- **Greater focus on resolving disputes through informal process**
 - § 702.317(c)
 - Upon receipt of the completed forms, *the district director, after checking them for completeness and after any further conferences that, in his or her opinion, are warranted [emphasis added]...*
- **Narrow down issues before referral to the ALJ**
- **Judicial Economy**



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**Antonio Rios,
Director**

**Division of Federal Employees', Longshore and
Harbor Workers' Compensation (DFELHWC)**



DBA Waivers

11/15/2021: Issued Transmittal - New Chapter LS Procedure Manual: 07-0600, DBA Waivers

11/22/2021: Issued Industry Notice No. 187 – Announcing to Industry PM Chapter 07-0600

12/06/2021: Held Virtual Meeting with all Heads of Procurement, Government-wide

DBA Waiver Requests & Renewals

- The request for waiver must be made by the government agency to the Department of Labor (DOL), OWCP.
- Waivers are granted by DOL's Director, DFELHWC.

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR		OFFICE OF WORKER'S COMPENSATION PROGRAMS	
REQUEST FOR WAIVER – DEFENSE BASE ACT			
INSTRUCTIONS: Complete Sections A, B, and C, and send original to the Director, Office of Workers' Compensation Programs, Division of Longshore and Harbor Workers' Compensation, U.S. Department of Labor, Washington DC 20210, when a U.S. Department or Agency recommends that a waiver be granted under Section 1(e) of the Defense Base Act (42 USC 1651 (e)). Please make certain all items in the first three Sections are answered in full. You may also email your application to the Director.			
SECTION A CONTRACT			
1. NAME OF CONTRACTOR			
2. BUSINESS MAILING ADDRESS OF CONTRACTOR			
3. CONTRACT NUMBER		4. DATE OF AWARD	



Active Waivers

Longshore Issued and Active Defense Base Act Waivers by Expiration Date

Show 10 entries

Search:

Expiration Date (YYYY-MM-DD) ↑↓	Location ↑↓	Type ↑↓	Number ↑↓	Issued Date (YYYY-MM-DD) ↑↓
2022-03-27	Lithuania	Geographic	2017-05	2017-03-28
2022-03-30	Latvia	Geographic	2017-06	2017-03-31
2022-04-02	Vietnam	Geographic	2016-7-B	2021-10-04
2022-04-16	India	Geographic	2016-6-C	2021-10-18
2022-04-16	United Kingdom	Geographic	2017-07	2017-04-17
2022-05-09	Czech Republic	Geographic	2017-08	2017-05-10
2022-05-29	Bosnia-Herzegovina	Geographic	2017-09	2017-05-30
2022-05-29	Romania	Geographic	2017-10	2017-05-30
2022-07-05	American Samoa	Geographic	2017-11	2017-07-06
2022-07-06	Finland	Geographic	2017-12	2017-07-07



Expired Waivers

Expired Defense Base Act Waivers

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Expiration Date (YYYY-MM-DD) ↑	Location ↑	Type ↑	Number ↑	Issued Date (YYYY-MM-DD) ↑
2012-10-01	Spain	Geographic	2009-0502	2007-10-01
2012-10-01	Turkey	Geographic	2009-0901	2007-10-01
2013-03-01	Israel	Geographic	2009-03-02	2008-08-01
2013-12-31	Belgium	Geographic	DOD 2013-06	2013-01-31
2013-12-31	France	Geographic	DOD 2013-04	2013-01-01
2013-12-31	Germany	Geographic	DOD 2013-01	2013-01-01
2013-12-31	Greenland	Geographic	DOD 2013-13	2013-01-01
2013-12-31	India	Geographic	DOD 2013-13	2013-02-01
2013-12-31	Israel	Geographic	DOD 2013-05	2013-01-01
2013-12-31	Italy	Geographic	DOD 2013-03	2013-01-01

Showing 1 to 10 of 68 entries

Previous

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7

Next



Technology

- **Greater focus on Technology**



- **Internally**

- **Group training sessions (provides uniformity across the districts)**
- **Coassemble**
- **E-learning**



- **Externally**

- **Leverage technology for more facetime (conferences, outreach)**



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Technology

WAIVER OF SERVICE BY REGISTERED OR CERTIFIED MAIL FOR EMPLOYERS AND/OR INSURANCE CARRIERS
Longshore and Harbor Workers' Compensation Act,

Form LS-801
March 2015

Pilot

- Reduce tasks
- Avoid data entry errors
- Ensure proper service

WAIVER OF SERVICE BY REGISTERED OR CERTIFIED MAIL FOR EMPLOYERS AND/OR INSURANCE CARRIERS
Longshore and Harbor Workers' Compensation Act,
As Extended (see instructions on reverse)

U.S. Department of Labor
Office of Workers' Compensation Programs
www.dol.gov/owcp/ltwc/index.htm 

1. Name of Injured/Deceased Employer: _____ 2. OWCP No: _____ OMB No: 1240-0053

3. NEW Waiver
 REVOKE prior Waiver
 CHANGE information on prior Waiver Exp. Date: 04/30/2022

4. Party or Representative Agreeing to Service of Compensation Order(s) by email (check one):
 Employer Insurance Carrier
 Employer's Representative Insurance Carrier's Representative

5. I, _____, acting on behalf of _____, waive the company's statutory and/or regulatory right to be served with the compensation order(s) in this case by registered or certified mail. I instead request and consent for the company to be served with the compensation order(s) in this case by email. I agree that service of the compensation order(s) by email satisfies all service requirements imposed by 33 U.S.C. § 910(w) and 20 C.F.R. § 702.349.

I affirm that I have the authority to execute this waiver on behalf of _____ I also affirm that the information provided below is correct and accurate. If the District Director is unable to accomplish service of the compensation order(s) by email (i.e. if the email bounces back as undeliverable), I understand and agree that the compensation order(s) will be served on the company by registered or certified mail.

6. Signature: _____ Date: _____
Name: _____
Title: _____

7. Firm or Business Name (if applicable):
Name: _____
Address: _____ Telephone Number: _____
Line1: _____ City: _____
Line2: _____ St.: _____ Zip: _____
Country: United States

8. EMAIL ADDRESSES: No more than two (2) email addresses can be listed per party.

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Form LS-801
March 2015



Technology

Back File Conversion (BFC)

- In our quest to become fully paperless, we initiated a plan to scan and upload all paper files in OWCP possession to OWCS

OWCS

- The platform provides us flexibility to change locations (Outgoing Correspondence Center, Case Create) in case of catastrophic events
- The platform also provides the flexibility to reassign staff or work based on program needs or trends throughout the world
- Integration with ECOMP



Welcome to ECOMP

The Employees' Compensation Operations & Management Portal

Total Users – 485,000+

- Includes 265,000 identity verified FECA claimants and 3,700 Energy claimants
- Longshore Claimants - 1,416 registered, 1,270 identity verified

Entities

- FECA – 156 Entities (law firms, unions, non-attorney reps)
- Longshore - 21 Entities (all law firms)



ECOMP **Claimant Experience**



ECOMP – Claimant Experience

Welcome to your Case Dashboard

Each existing injury/illness claim you have can be found in the Cases tab of the table below.

By clicking anywhere in the row of an injury/illness claim in the table below, you will be taken to its Case Review page where you can view:

- Case Data, including claim specific information such as Average Weekly Wage, Compensation Rate and Payment Status
- Compensation Payment History (for claimants in receipt of Special Fund payments only – this will include payments issued by the Special Fund to medical providers)
- Parties to the case, including Employers and Carriers and any associated attorneys

CASES (1)

Case Number	Date of Injury	Employer
LS-██████████	██████████	General Dynamics





ECOMP – Claimant Experience

CASE LS-0 [REDACTED]

[SEAPortal](#)

Employer: General Dynamics

Claimant SSN: [REDACTED]

Claimant Name: [REDACTED]

Date of Injury: [REDACTED]

Date of Birth: [REDACTED]

Representation Select

[Do you have a Representative?](#)



CASE DATA

PAYMENT HISTORY

PARTIES

Act	Longshore and Harbor Workers' Compensation Act
Average Weekly Wage	\$834.00
Compensation Rate	\$471.00
Payment Status	S/F Pay Comp only - 8(f)
Date of Knowledge	07/21/1980
Body Part	Trunk Internal
Appeal Status	--



ECOMP – Claimant Experience

CASE LS-0 [REDACTED]

[SEAPortal](#)

Employer: General Dynamics

Claimant SSN: [REDACTED]

Claimant Name: [REDACTED]

Date of Injury: [REDACTED]

Date of Birth: [REDACTED]

Representation Select

[Do you have a Representative?](#)



CASE DATA

PAYMENT HISTORY

PARTIES

Payment Type ▲	Payee ⇅	Payment Freque... ⇅	From ⇅	Through ⇅	Gross Comp ⇅	Deductions ⇅	Net Paid ⇅	Payment Date ⇅
REL - Related Death	Claimant	Recurring	01/08/1986	07/31/2020	\$900.00		\$900.00	09/30/2020
REL - Related Death	Claimant	Recurring	10/01/2020	10/14/2020	\$942.00		\$942.00	10/14/2020
REL - Related Death	Claimant	Recurring	10/15/2020	10/28/2020	\$942.00		\$942.00	10/28/2020
REL - Related Death	Claimant	Recurring	10/29/2020	11/11/2020	\$942.00		\$942.00	11/11/2020
REL - Related Death	Claimant	Recurring	11/12/2020	11/25/2020	\$942.00		\$942.00	11/25/2020
REL - Related Death	Claimant	Recurring	11/26/2020	12/09/2020	\$942.00		\$942.00	12/09/2020



ECOMP – Claimant Experience

CASE LS-0 [REDACTED]

[SEAPortal](#)

Employer: General Dynamics

Claimant SSN: [REDACTED]

Claimant Name: [REDACTED]

Date of Injury: [REDACTED]

Date of Birth: [REDACTED]

Representation Select

[Do you have a Representative?](#)



CASE DATA

PAYMENT HISTORY

PARTIES

Claimants



Employers



Carriers



Name	Address	Phone	Email	Active	Waiver
				Y	



New Feature –

Coming Soon

CASE LS-0 [REDACTED]

[SEAPortal](#)

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Case Documents

Available Summer 2022

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[SEAPortal](#)

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Date of Birth: [REDACTED]

Representation

Select

[Do you have a Representative?](#)



CASE DATA

PAYMENT HISTORY

PARTIES

CASE IMAGING

CASE DOCUMENTS

[Clear Favorites](#) [Clear Export Queue](#) [Add all to Export Queue](#)

Authored Date Received Date

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Case Documents

Available Summer 2022

File Number: 502500000

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

August 23, 2021

Date of Injury: 05/01/2005
Employee: TESTCASE TESTCASE

TESTCASE TESTCASE
123 UNION SQUARE
MARLBORO, MA 01752

Dear TESTCASE TESTCASE:



Bulletin No. 22-XX

Purpose: To announce that the Office of Workers' Compensation Programs (OWCP), Longshore Program, has added designation of a representative through ECOMP as an acceptable form of written notice of authorization for representation.



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**Jennifer Valdivieso,
Deputy Director,
Program and System Integrity**

**Division of Federal Employees',
Longshore and Harbor Workers',
Compensation (DFELHWC)**



ECOMP **Entity Experience**



ECOMP – Entity Experience

Welcome to the Entities Page

<https://owcp.industrypartners.dol.gov/#/>

Entities Overview

Entities are individuals, business entities, or organizations that may be given access to specific OWCP case files. To be an authorized Entity user within OWCP's ECOMP portal, each user must register and be identity verified within ECOMP.

Some Entities are granted access to claimant files based solely on the claimant's designation of representation. These Entity types include attorneys/law firms, union representatives and non-attorney authorized representatives.

Other Entities have access to case files by virtue of their pre-established connection to a specific case. These Entities include Employers/Carriers in the Longshore program, which have access to case files only if they are associated with the injury claim. These Entities can also designate a representative, such as an attorney/law firm or third party administrator.

Once assigned, Entities have the ability to navigate within ECOMP for associated cases.

ECOMP provides access to the following Entity types for the FECA and Longshore Programs.

- Attorneys/Law Firm
- Union Representative
- Authorized Representative (Non-Attorney)

Additional functionality will be added in the future.

Entities

Register for an account or sign in to get started!

Sign In

Email or Username

Password

SIGN IN

[Forgot password?](#)



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ECOMP – Entity Basics

- **Entity users must register in ECOMP, and Entities must be created in ECOMP.**
- **Claimants must register in ECOMP and select the entity representative in ECOMP. There is no other way for an entity representative to obtain access.**
 - **This is true even if the representative is already the designated representative for the OWCP file.**
 - **Selecting a representative occurs on a case-by-case basis.**
- **ECOMP entity registration and access is NOT required in order for a representative to represent a claimant, but if that representative wants ECOMP access, registration and claimant selection in ECOMP are required.**



Step 1: Registration

ACCOUNT BASICS

First Name	Middle Name (Optional)	Last Name
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Job Title	<input type="text"/>	
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ZIP code	Country	
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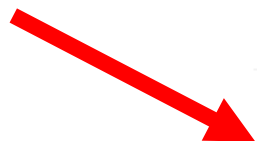




Step 1: Registration



YOU'RE ALMOST DONE



An email has been sent to this email address: **jhv** @gmail.com
Check your email and follow the instructions inside.

If you do not receive your confirmation email in 10 minutes, it may have been lost.

1. Check your spam folder.
2. Ensure that your emails service is not blocking emails from @www.ecomp.dol.gov
3. Make sure that the email you gave us is your correct address (if not please re-register).



Step 1: Registration

Rules of Behavior

BEFORE USING THIS U.S. FEDERAL GOVERNMENT SYSTEM, YOU MUST READ AND AGREE TO THE FOLLOWING RULES OF BEHAVIOR.

Security:

- Users shall immediately report security vulnerabilities and violations to the Office of Workers' Compensation Programs.
- Users shall immediately report accidental or intentional disclosure of system information to the Office of Workers' Compensation Programs.
- Users shall log out of the system when finished using the system or leaving their computers.

Penalties for Non-compliance:

Users who do not comply with the ROB are subject to penalties that can be imposed under the Privacy Act (when applicable), and existing policy and regulations, including:

- Suspension of system privileges; and/or
- Criminal prosecution when provided by law.

OWCP will enforce the use of penalties against any user who willfully violates any OWCP, Department, or Federal system security (and related) policy.

I have read the above document and agree to these Rules of Behavior

NEXT



Step 2: Identity Verification

Identity Verification

Instructions

So that OWCP can provide a secure system, we need to verify your identity. In order to complete this process we will request confirmation of your personal information. Below please review your account information. If needed, you may also update the existing information. This information is necessary to validate your identity with a nationally accredited bureau. Once you have confirmed your personal information you may proceed to the next step. All information you share with us is secure and private. Please review your current account information below.

Name Alison Cristina LawyerTester [Edit](#)

Address 400 West Bay Street, Jacksonville, FL 32202

In order to register for ECOMP, you will need to provide your date of birth and social security number for identity verification. Identity verification is required to access any OWCP claimant information. If no date of birth or social security number is provided, no OWCP functionality or claimant information will be accessible.

OWCP does not store this information. It will only be used to verify your identity.

Date of Birth



Social Security Number

Confirm SSN

I do **NOT** have a Social Security Number and I am **NOT** a US Citizen. [?](#)

PROCEED



Step 3: Create Entity Organization

Welcome to OWCP Entity Dashboard

The OWCP Entity experience allows you, as an authorized ECOMP entity, to view the OWCP claim(s) to which you have been granted access. You will be able to view basic case data, case file documents and upload documentation direct from the individual case page.

CREATE OR JOIN AN ENTITY ORGANIZATION ASSOCIATION:

You are now registered as a verified Individual Entity user within ECOMP. The next step is to create a new Entity organization or join an existing Entity organization. This step is required prior to any case access or association.

If you belong to an Entity organization which has already registered in ECOMP, you may click "Request to Join Existing Entity" below. The Entity Manager for that Entity will approve or deny your request and you will be notified of the Entity Manager's decision via an email from ECOMP. You may revoke your request to join an Entity organization at any time.

If your Entity organization has not yet been created ECOMP, please click "Request to Create Entity" below.

REQUEST TO JOIN EXISTING ENTITY

REQUEST TO CREATE ENTITY



Step 3: Create Entity Organization

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Entity Organization Type

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Please select which OWCP programs you would like your entity to be available to.

- Federal (FECA)
- Longshore (DHLWC)

Plaintiff/Claimant

Defense

 International ?



Step 3: Create Entity Organization

Claimant Contact Selection:

- Would you like to request that this Entity Organization be contacted outside of ECOMP prior to selection in ECOMP?
 - *OWCP and ECOMP cannot enforce this communication or contact.*

Required Confirmations:

- That the information is accurate, and that the Entity exists as displayed.
- That you assume responsibility for the Entity and will be the Entity Manager (additional Entity Managers can be added later).
- Upon creation, the Entity will be visible and selectable by claimants and other Entity users (setting can be updated after creation).



Entity Creation Successful

Entity organization creation successful. To view case dashboard [click here](#)

Welcome to your OWCP Entity Manager Dashboard

Your Entity Manager Dashboard allows you, as an Entity Manager, to update your Entity's information and view the individuals in your organization. You may also approve and deny requests to join your Entity organization in ECOMP, and invite individuals to join your Entity organization.

INVITE MEMBERS

UPDATE ENTITY INFORMATION

Active Users (1)

Pending User Requests (0)

Rejected Users (0)

Name	Title	Join Date	Cases	Primary Contact Availability	User Role
Alison LawyerTester	Attorney	09/20/2...	0	Available	Entity Manag



Entity Organization Expansion – Option 1

Administration Approval Required

To expand this organization to more than one member, the organization must request program administration approval.

This request may be initiated by clicking "**Request Approval**" below, your information will be sent to program administration for review, and your organization will remain in a pending state until the request is reviewed.

Your current ECOMP access, settings, and cases will remain unchanged. If approved, members may then be added (via invites and affiliation request) at will.

REQUEST APPROVAL

CANCEL



Entity Organization Expansion – Option 1

Invite Individual Entity Members to Entity

[Return to Entity Manager Dashboard](#)

INVITE INDIVIDUAL ENTITY MEMBERS

Invite individuals to be a part of your Entity organization. Upon entering the email addresses for the members you would like to invite, these individuals will receive a quick link in their email to register for ECOMP. Once they register and are identity verified, they will automatically join your entity.

Please enter each individual entity member email address below.

RETURN TO DASHBOARD

SEND



Entity Organization Expansion – Option 2

Welcome to OWCP Entity Dashboard

The OWCP Entity experience allows you, as an authorized ECOMP entity, to view the OWCP claim(s) to which you have been granted access. You will be able to view basic case data, case file documents and upload documentation direction from the individual case page.

CREATE OR JOIN AN ENTITY ORGANIZATION ASSOCIATION:

You are now registered as a verified Individual Entity user within ECOMP. The next step is to create a new Entity organization or join an existing Entity organization. This step is required prior to any case access or association.

If you belong to an Entity organization which has already registered in ECOMP, you may click "Request to Join Existing Entity" below. The Entity Manager for that Entity will approve or deny your request and you will be notified of the Entity Manager's decision via an email from ECOMP. You may revoke your request to join an Entity organization at any time.

If your Entity organization has not yet been created ECOMP, please click "Request to Create Entity" below.

REQUEST TO JOIN EXISTING ENTITY

REQUEST TO CREATE ENTITY



Entity Organization Expansion – Option 2

Existing Entity Organizations

[Return to Dashboard](#)

To join an Entity already registered in ECOMP, you can search by Entity type and/or state and city based on the Entity's mailing address. You may also type the Entity's name into the Search box.

Once you have located and selected your Entity organization, you will see the information for that Entity, including contact information and a list of the current entity group members. Press "Select Entity" next to the Entity you wish to join.



FILTERS

Entity Type

Law Firm

State

City

SELECT ENTITY

Sort by:

Organization Name - Ascending

ABCLawXYZ 144 Greenwood Ave Ambler, PA 19002 Law Firm	Select Entity >
ACKL Law Firm 400 West Bay Street JACKSONVILLE, FL 32223 Law Firm	Select Entity >



Entity Organization Expansion – Option 2

ACKL Law Firm

[Return to Existing Entities](#)

CONTACT INFORMATION

400 West Bay Street JACKSONVILLE, FL 32223

(904) 366-0247

[Entity Site](#)

EXISTING ENTITY MEMBERS

Alison Cristina LawyerTester - Attorney

CANCEL

REQUEST TO JOIN



Entity Organization Expansion – Option 2

From: noreply+uat@owcp.ecomp.dol.gov

Date: September 20, 2021 at 3:31:38 PM EDT

To: jhv434

Subject: ECOMP: Request to Join Entity ACKL Law Firm

This email is intended for:

Name: Alison LawyerTester

Username: jhv434343@gmail.com

Harley QuinnTester (jhv5) has requested to join your entity organization in ECOMP.

Name:

Harley QuinnTester

Title:

Paralegal

Request Date:

09/20/2021

To view the request and accept or deny entry, click the link below.

<https://training.owcp.industrypartners.dol.gov/#/r/dashboard/join/7604>

If you did not sign up for this account, do not click this link.



Entity Organization Expansion – Approve/Deny

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INVITE MEMBERS UPDATE ENTITY INFORMATION

Active Users (1) **Pending User Requests (1)** Rejected Users (0)

Name	Title	Join Request Date
Harley QuinnTester	Paralegal	09/20/2021

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Entity Organization – Member Settings

Entity Affiliation Request

The following individual entity member is requesting to join this entity. Please review their information and accept or deny the join

Name: Harley H QuinnTester
Title: Paralegal
Email address: jhv505
Date of Join Request: 09/20/2021

Allow individual Entity Member to be selectable as Entity Primary Contact for Claimant case.

Available for Primary Contact Selection

Hidden from Primary Contact Selection

Please select a user role for this individual.

Entity Manager(s) - These users will have administrative functions within this Entity organization.

Individual Entity Member(s) - These users will have access to case information if they are Entity Primary Contact, or if Claimant selects full visibility.

Entity Manager

Individual Entity Member

Reason for Denial (If Applicable)

The information entered below will be **shared directly with the Individual Entity Member.**



Entity Organization Settings

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INVITE MEMBERS

UPDATE ENTITY INFORMATION

Address Change

The entity's address may be changed in the entity's profile in ECOMP; but doing so will NOT update the representative's address in the OWCP case file(s) to which that entity is assigned. There is no integration with the mailing address in ECOMP and OWCS. If the mailing address for the representative changes, it must be submitted by the representative for each individual case file to which that representative is associated.



Entity Organization Visibility Settings

Claimant Visibility

- This setting allows the user to choose whether the entity will be visible for selection by a claimant. The default will be set to Yes, and the entity will be visible in search results and a claimant will be able to select the entity. If the setting is changed to No, the entity will not show in any search results.

Entity Visibility

- This setting allows the user to choose whether the entity will be visible to other users to request to join the entity. The default will be set to Yes, and the entity will be visible in search results and allow other registered users to request to join the entity. If the setting is changed to No, the entity will not be shown in any search results.



Entity Case Dashboard

Entity Case Dashboard

Your Entity Case Dashboard allows you, as an authorized Entity, to view the case(s) to which you have been granted access. You will be able to view basic case data and case file documents. The cases associated with your Entity organization are listed below in the Case Associations tab.

The New Association Requests tab has new representation requests that are pending your response. For each you will see who is making the request with the claimant's name and case number. You must make a decision on each request to either accept the request for association, or deny the request for association. (This tab will not apply to Entities such as Longshore Employer and Carriers since case association is based solely on the parties in each claim and not on a specific request.)

If you represent a claimant and the case is not listed below, this means the claimant has not requested this association through ECOMP. While it is not a requirement that claimants or representatives use ECOMP for any proceeding in OWCP, if a representative wishes to view case data and documents in ECOMP, the claimant must request that association through ECOMP. There is no option within ECOMP for you to request access to a claimant's case. The claimant must initiate this selection in ECOMP. Helpful instructional videos to assist claimants with selection of a representative within ECOMP are available on our HELP site.

ACKL LAW FIRM - CASES

Case Associations (0)

New Association Requests (0)

Case Number	Claimant	Organization	Status	Primary Contact
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0 results



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Jump to page: GO



Claimant Selects Representative

CASE LS-0 [REDACTED]

[SEAPortal](#)

Employer: General Dynamics
Claimant Name: [REDACTED]
Date of Injury: [REDACTED]
Date of Birth: [REDACTED]

Claimant SSN: [REDACTED]

Representation Select

[Do you have a Representative?](#)

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CASE DATA	PAYMENT HISTORY	PARTIES
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Act	Longshore and Harbor Workers' Compensation Act
Average Weekly Wage	\$834.00
Compensation Rate	\$471.00
Payment Status	S/F Pay Comp only - 8(f)
Date of Knowledge	07/21/1980
Body Part	Trunk Internal
Appeal Status	--



Claimant Selects Representative

FILTERS

Entity Type

Law Firm



State



City



SELECT ENTITY

Sort by:

Organization Name - Ascending



ABCLawXYZ
144 Greenwood Ave Ambler, PA 19002
Law Firm

[Select Entity](#) >

ACKL Law Firm
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Law Firm

[Select Entity](#) >



Explanation to Claimant

- A Representative is an individual or group who represents your interests and can give direction to OWCP regarding your claim.
- A Representative can be a single person (such as an attorney, union representative or family member acting as an authorized/lay representative) or can be a group (such as a law firm).
- OWCP has verified the identities of each Representative and Representative group listed in ECOMP.
- When you designate a Representative in ECOMP, and the Representative agrees to represent you, that Representative can view your case data (*and case documents*) in ECOMP in the same way you can view your own records.
- You are not required to have a Representative in order to file or pursue a claim.



Explanation to Claimant

- **Designating a Representative in ECOMP does not mean that individual or group has agreed to represent you. Your request to have that individual or group represent you will be sent to the designated Representative through ECOMP, but the Representative must agree to represent you before this relationship exists.**
- **OWCP cannot intervene on your behalf in this decision. It is solely the decision of the Representative. OWCP cannot require that a Representative or Representative Group accept a claimant's request for representation. The representative relationship is not guaranteed based on your selection in ECOMP.**
- **After you designate a Representative in ECOMP, your request will show as Pending until the Representative either agrees to represent you or declines your request. You will be notified via email of this decision. If the Representative declines your request, you will be able to proceed with designation of a new Representative.**



Explanation to Claimant – Final Disclaimer

- **OWCP does not endorse or promote any of the Representatives or Representative Groups listed within ECOMP.**
- **You are not required to have a representative in order to file or pursue a claim.**
- **Although OWCP does not dictate the precise terms of representation for any Representative, the LHWCA and regulations impose certain requirements on representation. See 33 U.S.C. § 928, 20 C.F.R. §§ 702.131-135 and 702.241(e).**
- **OWCP provides this platform for ease of use and access, but use of this ECOMP platform is entirely voluntary.**
- **Claimant representatives are not required to use ECOMP in order represent OWCP claimants.**



Claimant Selects Representative

Assign Representation Contact Information

You have selected the individual or group show above to be your Representative. Please review the details carefully, in particular information about whether this Representative or Representative Group requests that you contact them first, prior to making the selection in ECOMP.

If you wish to assign a specific individual within a group, please select a primary contact from the list below. This individual will receive your request for approval. If you do not have a specific preference, choose "No Primary Contact Preference". Your request will be sent to the individuals designated by that group to review new representation requests.

Once a selection has been made, click Next.

SELECT REPRESENTATION PRIMARY CONTACT

Representation Primary Contact is your selected representative within this organization.

Primary Contact

Jeff Fischer, Lawyer





Claimant Selects Representative

CASE LS-01 [REDACTED]

[SEAPortal](#)

Employer: General Dynamics
Claimant Name: [REDACTED]
Date of Injury: [REDACTED]
Date of Birth: [REDACTED]

Claimant SSN: [REDACTED]

Representation Pending

SAIC LLC
Jeff Fischer, Full Visibility >

[Revoke association request](#)

CASE DATA	PAYMENT HISTORY	PARTIES
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Entity Receives Request

ENTITY NAME - CASES

Search

Case Associations (3) **New Association Requests (1)**

Case Number	Claimant	Organization	Status	Primary Contact	Visibility
155422	Long, Fred	1109-AC Wo...	Pending	Jim Hines	Full



Representative Confirms/Denies Request

CASE #XYZ155422

Name: Fred Long
Email Address: claimant@email.com
Date of Birth: 12/08/1959
Date of Injury: 03/10/2019
Primary Contact: Jim Hines
Entity Visibility: Full Visibility
Agency: 1126-AM - DEPARTMENT OF LAB...
Adjudication Status: AB - 11/12/2019
Current Case Status: CD - 02/21/2013
Conditions Accepted: ICD9 - 7883 - Unimplemented: 788...

Reason for Denial (If Applicable)
The entered information will be **shared directly with the Claimant.**



DENY CASE

ACCEPT CASE



OWCP Case File Documentation

- 1. ECOMP Entity Transaction Memo** – This memo will be added to the OWCP case file when any entity related case specific transaction occurs in ECOMP, such as:
 - Representation Request Denied (when a representative denies a claimant’s request for representation, in which case the reason for the denial will show on the memo)
 - Representation Request Revoked by Claimant (when the claimant revokes a request for representation prior to the representative deciding)
- 2. Authorization of Representative Memo** – This memo will be added to the case file after the claimant has chosen a representative in ECOMP and the representative has agreed to represent the claimant in ECOMP.
- 3. Removal of Representation Memo** – This memo will be used to document that a representative is no longer associated with a case. This may stem from an action by the claimant or by the representative. If either party removes the association, all case access for the representative is terminated.



ECOMP – Next Steps – Target Timeframe 2023

Self-Insured Employer/Carrier Experience – Phase 1

- **Registration and Identity Verification Required**
- **Longshore Admin approval required – will link/confirm Sequence Number**
- **Case Access based only on Sequence Number**
- **Can view Case Data and Case Documents**

Self-Insured/Employer/Carrier – Experience Phase 2

- **Ability to assign a Law Firm**
- **Can view Case Data and Case Documents – same as claimant chosen representative**

Self-Insured/Employer/Carrier – Experience Phase 3

- **Third Party Administrator Registration**
- **Ability for Employer/Carrier to assign a TPA to a case**
- **TPA can view Case Data and Case Documents**

Dates subject to change



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David Abeijón, Branch Chief of Policy, Regulations and Procedures for Longshore

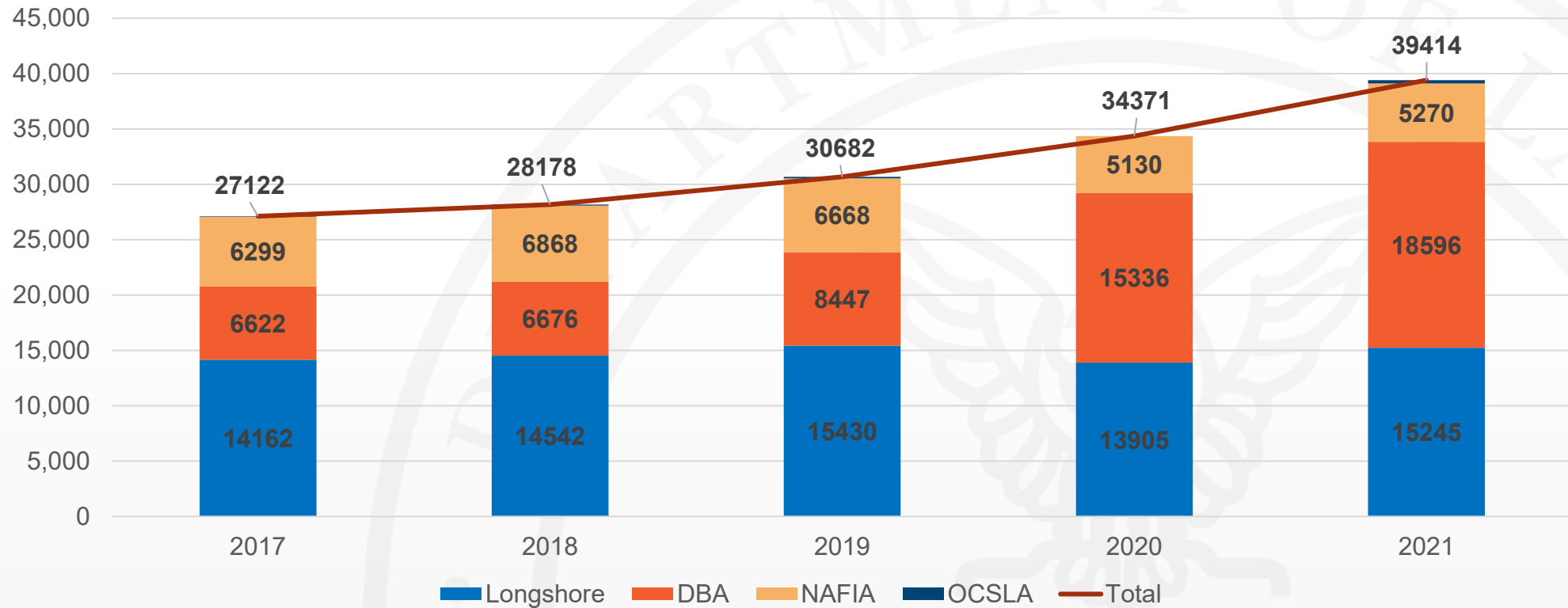
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- **Claim Trends**
- **Longshore Scorecard**
- **Longshore Performance**
- **Industry Notices**
- **Communications**



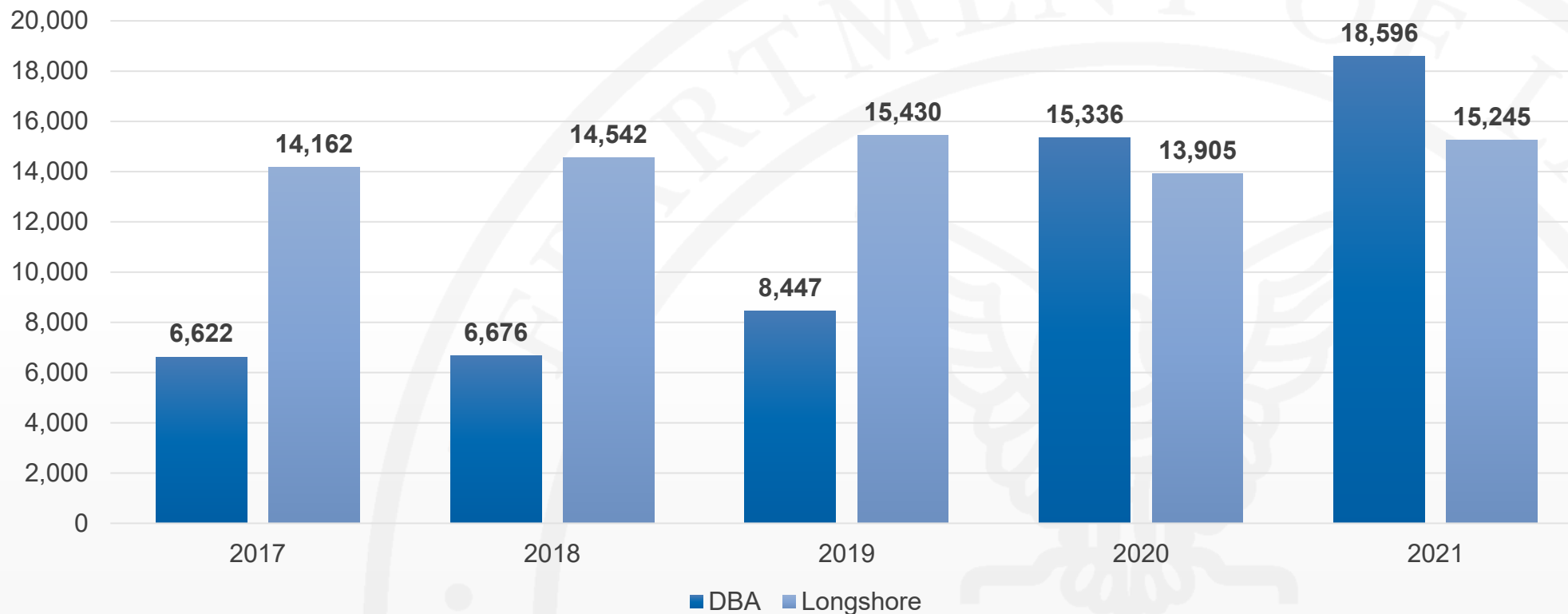
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Trends – Claims Reported FY2017 – FY2021 Longshore & DBA





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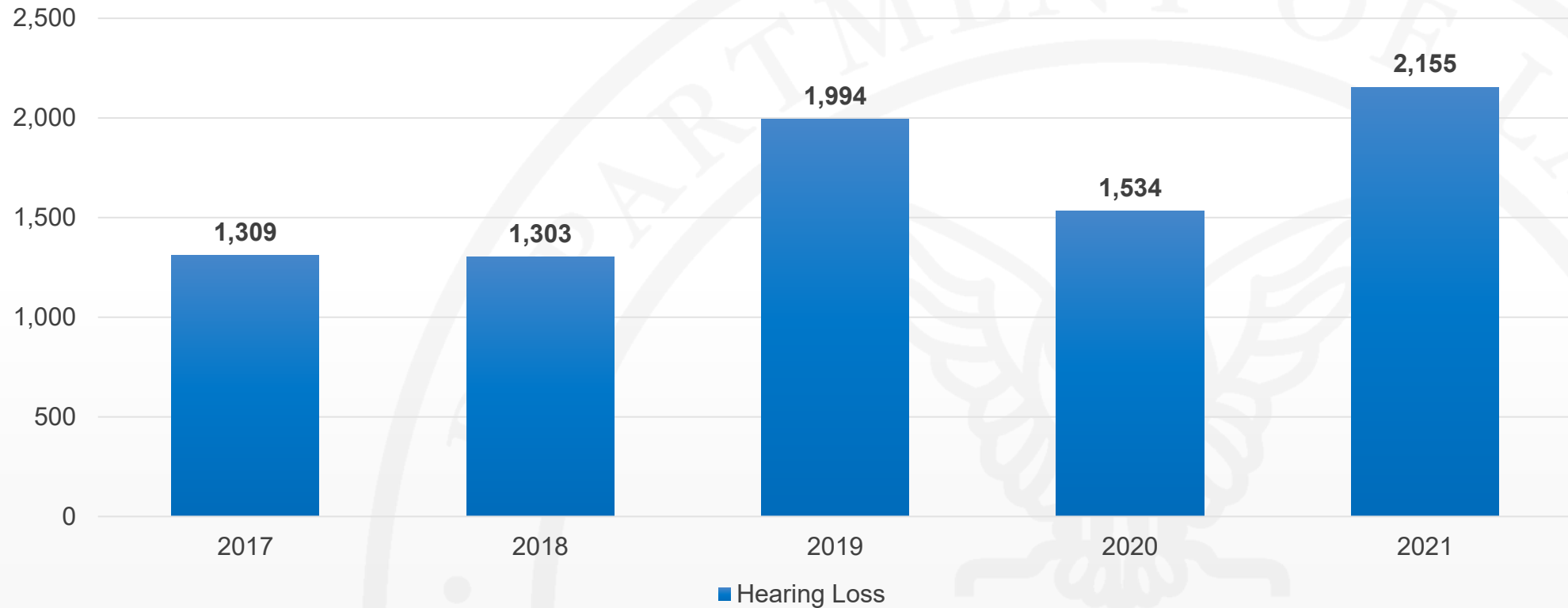
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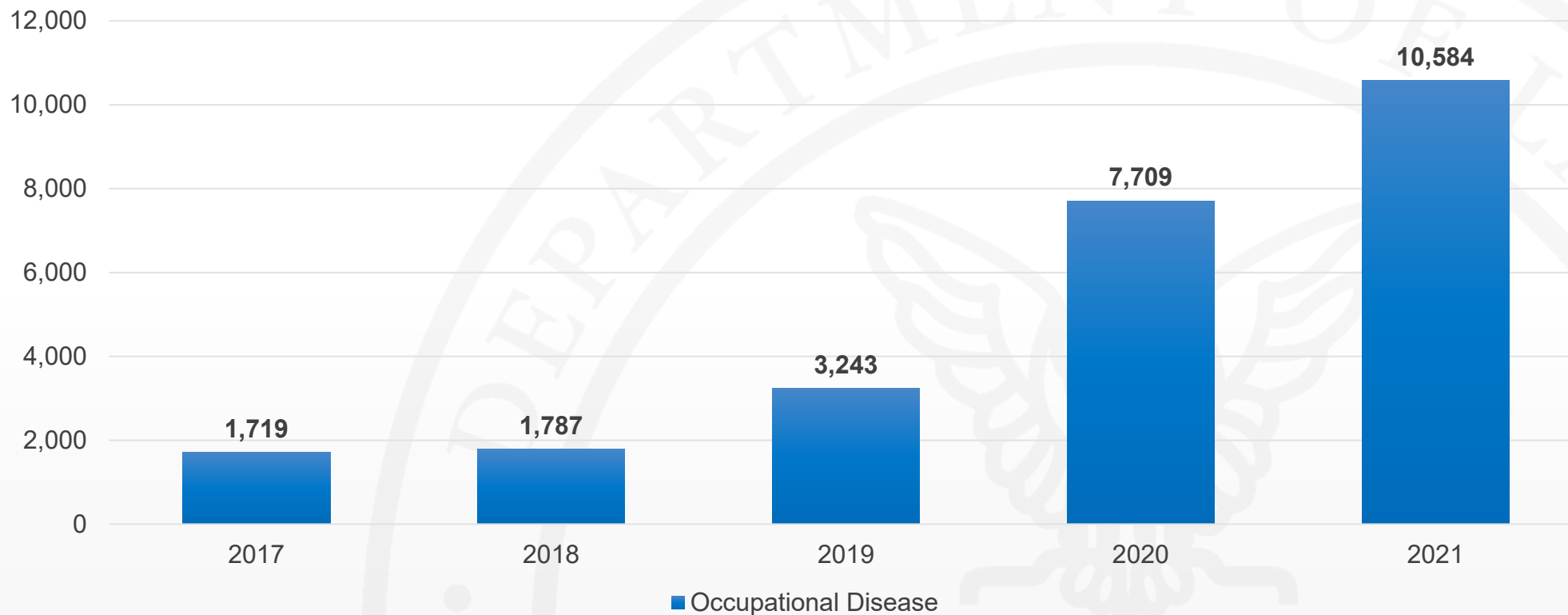
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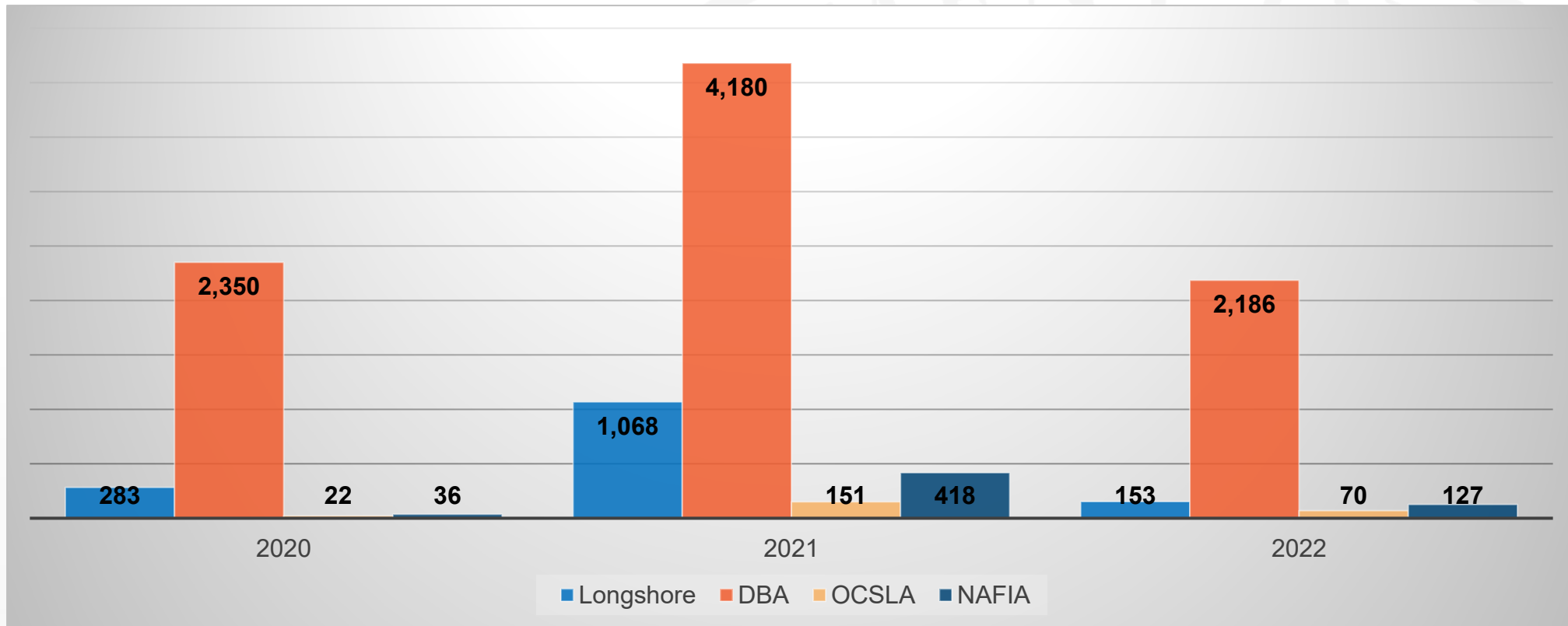
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Trends – Claims Reported FY2020 – FY2022 (through 3/11/2022) COVID





Industry Performance

1st Report of Injury within 20 days

1st Report of Payment within 28 days*

Measure	FY21 Target	FY21 Result
1st Report of Injury within 20 days (DBA)	88%	94%
1st Report of Injury within 20 days (Non-DBA)	88%	91%



FY21 Longshore Performance

Measure	FY21 Target	FY21 Result
Adjudication		
Complete action on request for Intervention within 15 days	85%	83%
Conference held within 45 days	90%	99%
Conference memorandum issued within 10 days	92%	92%
Recommendation for Intervention issued within 90 days (if no conference held)	85%	91%
Settlement applications processed within 18 days	90%	98%
Stipulation applications processed within 30 days	85%	89%
Second Injury Fund requests processed within 45 days	85%	90%
Attorney Fees agreed upon processed within 15 days	85%	98%
Attorney Fees not agreed upon processed within 120 days	85%	85%
Referrals to the OALJ processed within 21 days	90%	99%



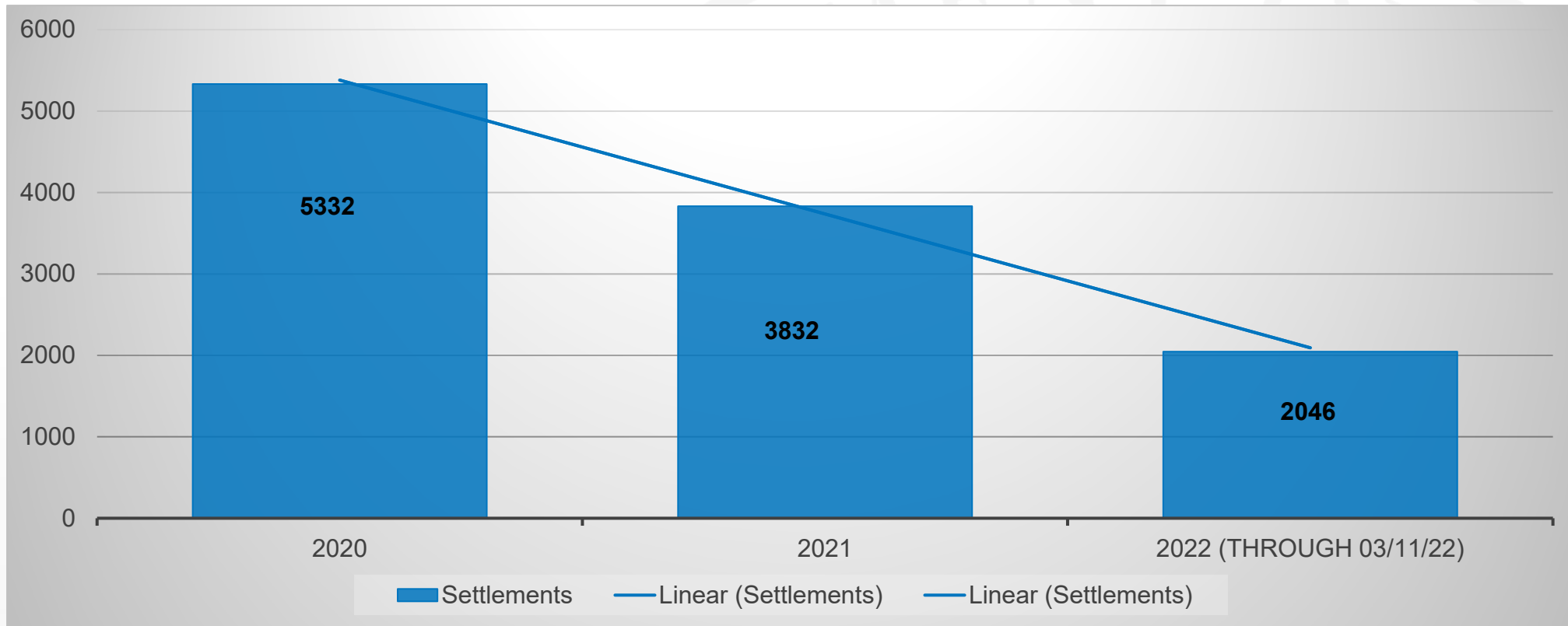
FY21 Longshore Quality Performance

Measure	FY21 Target	FY21 Result
Informal Conference actions sampled for quality are rated as correct	89%	89%
Settlement actions sampled for quality are rated as correct	90%	94%
Second Injury Fund Application actions sampled for quality are rated as correct	85%	86%
Second Injury Fund payments sampled for quality are rated as correct	95%	95%



Settlements

FY2020/FY2021/FY2022 (through 03/11/2022)



Average Number of Days: 11 days

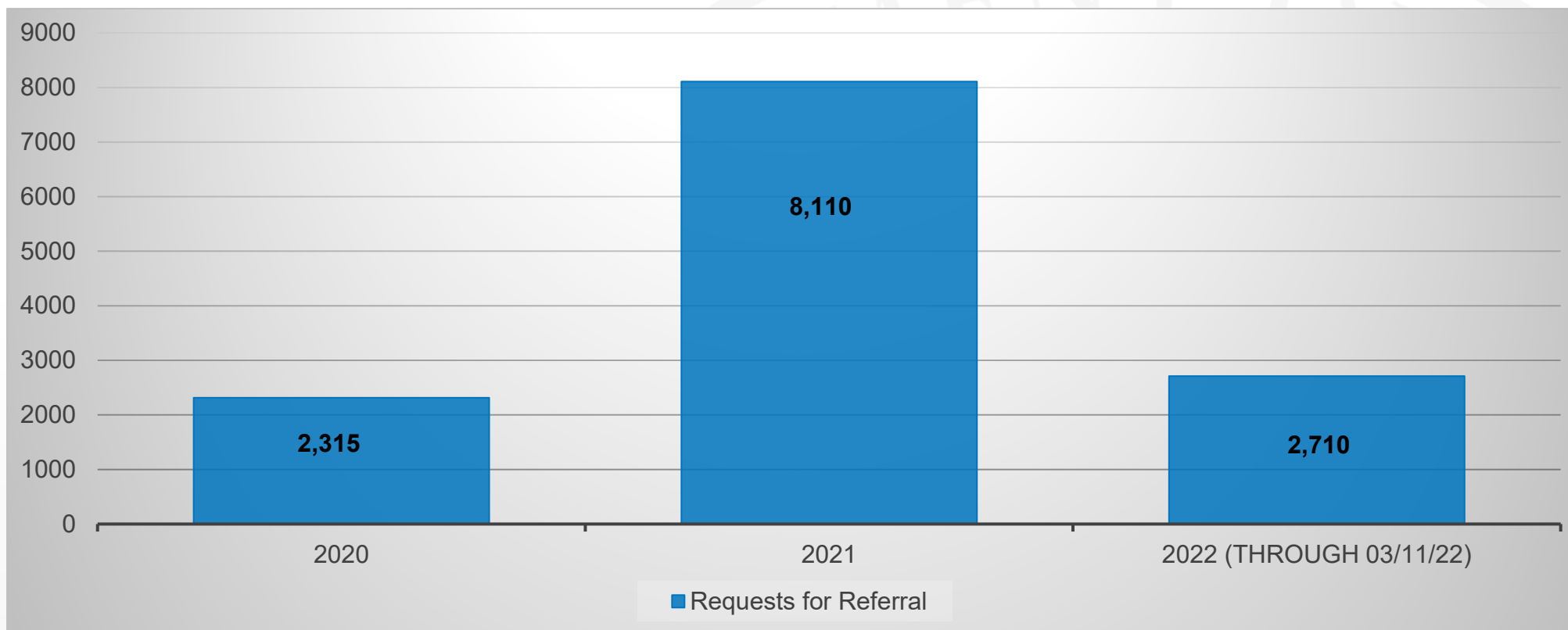
9 days

7.8 days



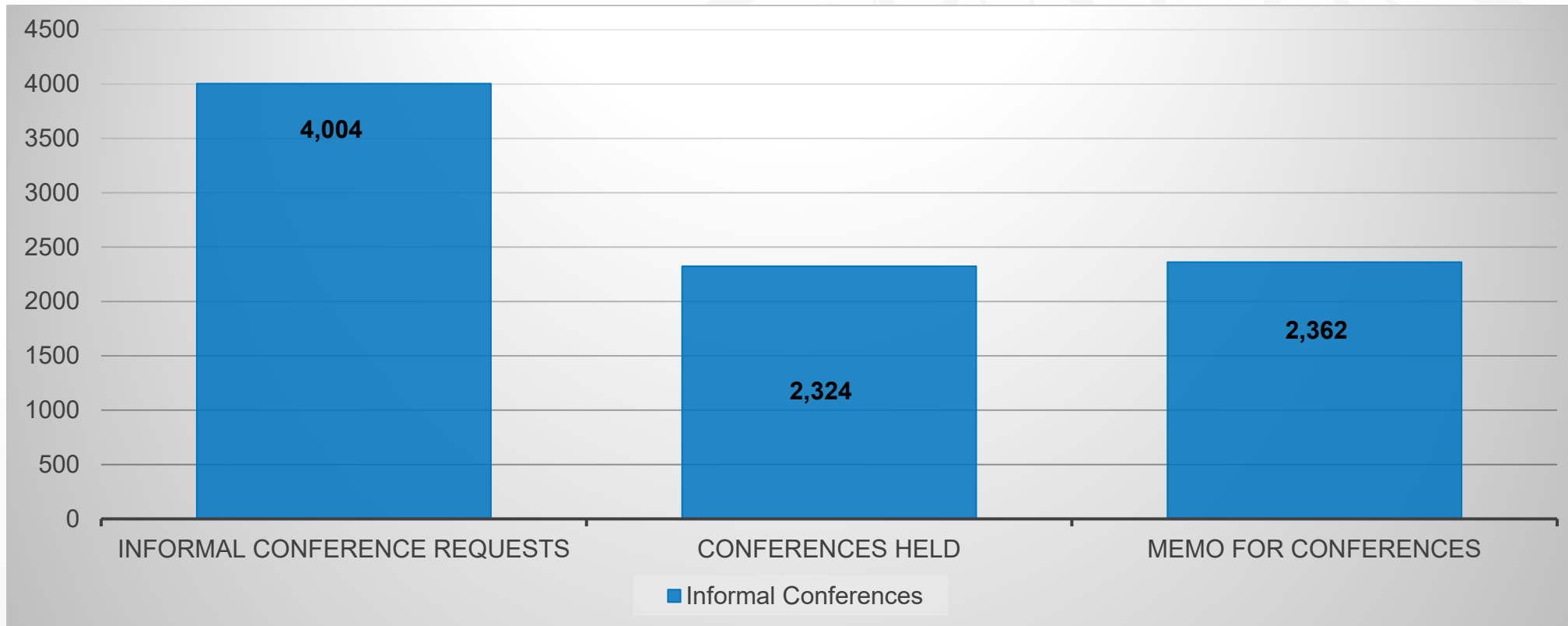
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Requests for Referral to OALJ FY2020/FY2021/FY2022 (through 03/11/2022)





Informal Conferences FY2021



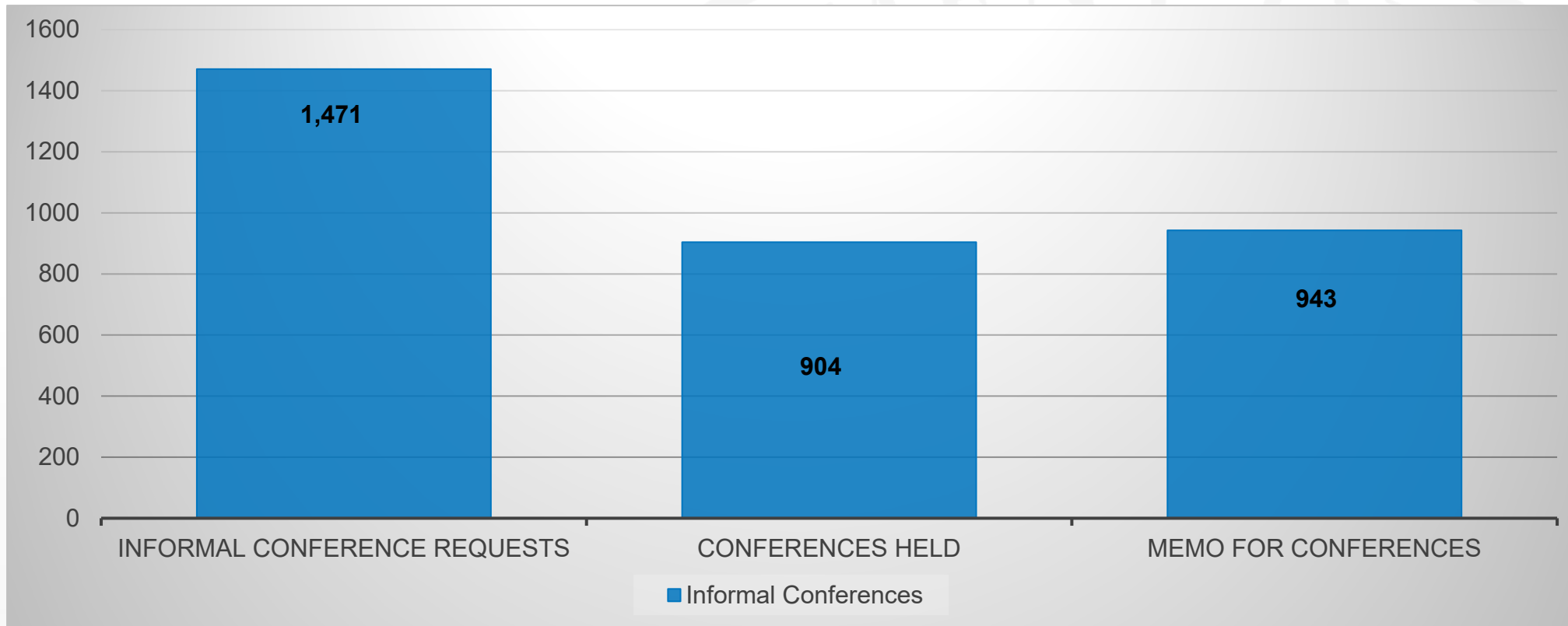
Average Number of Days: 12 days

36 days

6.5 days



Informal Conferences FY2022 (through 03/11/2022)



Average Number of Days: 9 days

35 days

5.6 days



Longshore Performance

FY22 Program Increased Focus on Quality

- Introduced **monthly workbooks** to monitor and evaluate quality of work performed.
- Established **weighted performance management plans** with 60% quality weight overall.



Industry Notices

- [No-189 \(2022 Penalty Inflation Notice\)](#)
- [No-188 \(2022 Advance Assessments for the Special Fund and Submission of form LS-513\)](#)
- [No-187 \(Defense Base Act \(DBA\) Waivers\)](#)
- [No-186 \(Employees' Compensation and Management Portal \(ECOMP\)\)](#)
- [No-185 \(NAWW Maximum and Minimum Rates Adjustments FY22\)](#)
- [No-184 \(2021 Final Assessment for the Special Fund\)](#)



New Penalty Amounts after January 15, 2022

- Section 14(g) of the LHWCA, 20 C.F.R. § 702.236: Failure to Report Termination of Payments - increased from \$301 to \$320
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- Section 30(e) of the LHWCA, 20 C.F.R. § 702.204: Penalty for Late Report of Injury or Death - increased from \$24,730 to \$26,269
- Section 49 of the LHWCA, 20 C.F.R. § 702.271(a)(2): Discrimination Against Employees Who Bring Proceedings - increased from a \$2,473 minimum and \$12,363 maximum to a \$2,627 minimum and a \$13,132 maximum.



Communications

Central Mail Receipt

U. S. Department of Labor
Office of Workers' Compensation Programs
Division of Longshore and Harbor Workers' Compensation
400 West Bay Street, Suite 63A, Box 28
Jacksonville, FL 32202

Case Create Documents only: FAX (202) 513-6814

SEAPortal: <https://seaportal.dol.gov/portal/>

Telephone Number for all offices: (202) 513-6809

ECOMP Longshore page for Claimants: <https://dlhwc.dol.gov/>

ECOMP Longshore page for Entities: <https://owcp.industrypartners.dol.gov/#/>





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**Division of Federal Employees',
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Did you say new Claims Examiners?

- **12 New Claims Examiners**
 - **7 CEs assigned to the Eastern DO**
 - **3 CEs assigned to the Southern DO**
 - **2 CEs assigned to the Western DO**



Training Plan

- **11 weeks of robust training, consisting of:**
 - **ABC's of the Longshore Act (definitions, coverage, presumptions, extensions)**
 - **Forms and Filing Requirements**
 - **AWW and Compensation Rates**
 - **Interventions, Conferences, and ALJ Referrals**
 - **Settlements, Stipulations, and Service Waivers**
 - **Medical Benefits, Special Fund, Death Benefits, Hearing Loss, Attorney Fees and other topics.**



Training Plan

- **No more District Office only training**
- **Each District Office takes part in training new Claims Examiners, embracing a uniform training approach**
- **New Claims Examiners are now being exposed to issues from across the country**
- **New Claims Examiners have an opportunity to be trained by peers across the country**
- **With training from peers and District Directors, they have access to over 100 years of industry knowledge**



Training Plan – Longshore Resources

- In addition to the training plan, we have our E-learning training resource
- E-learning includes modules on:
 - DBA training
 - OWCS training
 - Informal conference training
 - Adjudication
 - Payments and entitlements
 - And other topics

These resources are available for all CEs.



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OWCP Longshore Outreach

Challenge: With the reorganization and reliance on remote work, how does the Program maintain connection to stakeholders and do outreach in the various geographic and work areas?

Benefits of outreach: smoother benefit delivery, stakeholder engagement, better information dissemination, prevention of unintended consequences (ex: potentially uninsured maritime employers)

Potential impediments: remote assignments, technology challenges, need to reinvent what local access looks like as we move forward



Outreach Areas

Large events – at these we can maximize availability and exposure by speaking at an event attended widely; outreach impact: HIGH

- **ALC in New Orleans (March 2022)**
- **DOL/Loyola Symposium in San Francisco (September of 2022)**
- **Florida Workers Compensation Institute Conference (December 2021)**
- **Signal Mutual annual conference, WILG conference, etc.**

Interested in finding other events we can attend to improve Program reach

“Local” outreach projects – these are projects co-located with either the sub-office or the DD, are formal, and are designed to address certain needs or challenges for the Program; outreach impact: HIGH

- **Ex: Norfolk DD and NAFI zoom outreach, Long Beach NASCO, Guam – Tokio Marine zoom training, Pacific NW – various work with maritime construction groups reinsurance reqs**



Outreach Areas

“Incidental” outreach – Outreach performed routinely by DDs/CEs, which we will track to ensure we emphasize areas that have positive impact; outreach impact: MEDIUM

- ALJ meetings
- Calls from stakeholders which request information, help, advice from experts on Longshore matters

“Local” less formal outreach; outreach impact: MEDIUM

Goal of outreach: Continued connection and improvement of service delivery to stakeholders; enhanced staff morale; enhanced engagement with customers



Questions?