



# Former Worker Medical Screening Program



**Office of Worker Screening and Compensation Support**



# *FWP History*



- Established following the issuance of the Fiscal Year 1993 Defense Authorization Act (P.L. 102-484), authorizing DOE to:

“...establish and carry out a program for the identification and on-going medical evaluation of...former DOE employees who are subject to significant health risks as a result of the exposure of such employees to hazardous or radioactive substances during such employment...”

- First former worker projects were initiated in 1996.
- Program serves *all* former workers from *all* DOE sites in locations close to their residence.



# *FWP Background*



## **Mission:**

- Identify and notify former workers at risk for occupational disease.
- Offer them free medical screening that can lead to treatment.
- Provide information and assistance about medical follow-up and compensation.
- Use findings to strengthen safety and health protection for current and future workers.



## *Former Worker Programs*



- DOE administers the program and screenings are provided by third-party providers to ensure an objective evaluation of the health of former DOE workers.
- Screenings are provided at clinics in communities near DOE sites.
- Nationwide network of clinics allows services to be provided near most workers' residences.



# Former Worker Programs



## 2 National Programs and 4 Regional Programs

### 2 Nationwide Programs:

#### 1. National Supplemental Screening Program (NSSP):

- Conducted by Oak Ridge Associated Universities
- Production workers from- *Hanford, KCP, Pinellas, Rocky Flats, SRS*
- All workers from *ANL, Fermi, PPPL* and also workers from:
  - sites not covered by regional projects
  - regional projects have phased out
  - no longer live near the regional screening clinics

#### 2. Building Trades National Medical Screening Program (BTMed):

- Conducted by CPWR - The Center for Construction Research and Training
- Construction/building trades workers only, from *35 sites*



# Former Worker Programs



## 4 Regional Programs:

### 1. Drexel University School of Public Health:

- All workers from *Pantex*

### 2. Johns Hopkins University Bloomberg School of Public Health

- All workers from *LANL, SNL (NM)*

### 3. Worker Health Protection Program (WHPP)

- Conducted by Queens College City University of New York
- All workers from *LBNL, LLNL, NNSS, SNL (CA)*
- Production workers from *K-25, Paducah, Portsmouth, INL, BNL, Fernald, ORNL, Y-12, Mound*

### 4. University of Iowa College of Public Health

- Workers from *Ames, Iowa Army Ammunition Plant*



# FWP Projects



Each FWP team focuses on a distinct subset of the former worker population to:

1. Obtain rosters of former employees;
2. Notify workers of the availability of the program through:
  - Direct mailings
  - Union and DOE newsletters
  - TV and newspaper
  - Public meetings
3. Provide medical screening to interested individuals, including re-screen exams every 3 years
  - Customize screening according to individual's work history and likely exposures
4. Refer individuals with suspicious findings for follow-up medical testing
  - and, if applicable, to the Department of Labor-run Energy Employees Occupational Illness Compensation Program (EEOICPA)



# *Early Lung Cancer Detection Exams*



- Since 2000, FWP has offered low-dose CT scans to workers from certain sites who are at high risk for occupational lung cancer
- CT scans currently offered at the following sites:
  - Oak Ridge
  - Portsmouth and Paducah Gaseous Diffusion Plants
  - Former Mound, Fernald, and Rocky Flat Sites
  - Nevada National Security Site (formerly Nevada Test Site)
  - Idaho National Laboratory
  - Hanford
  - Savannah River Site
  - Ames Laboratory
  - Former Iowa Army Ammunition Plant
- The projects currently participating in the ELCD program includes:
  - WHPP
  - BTMed
  - University of Iowa
- Since 2000, the FWP's ELCD program has screened 15,529 eligible participants

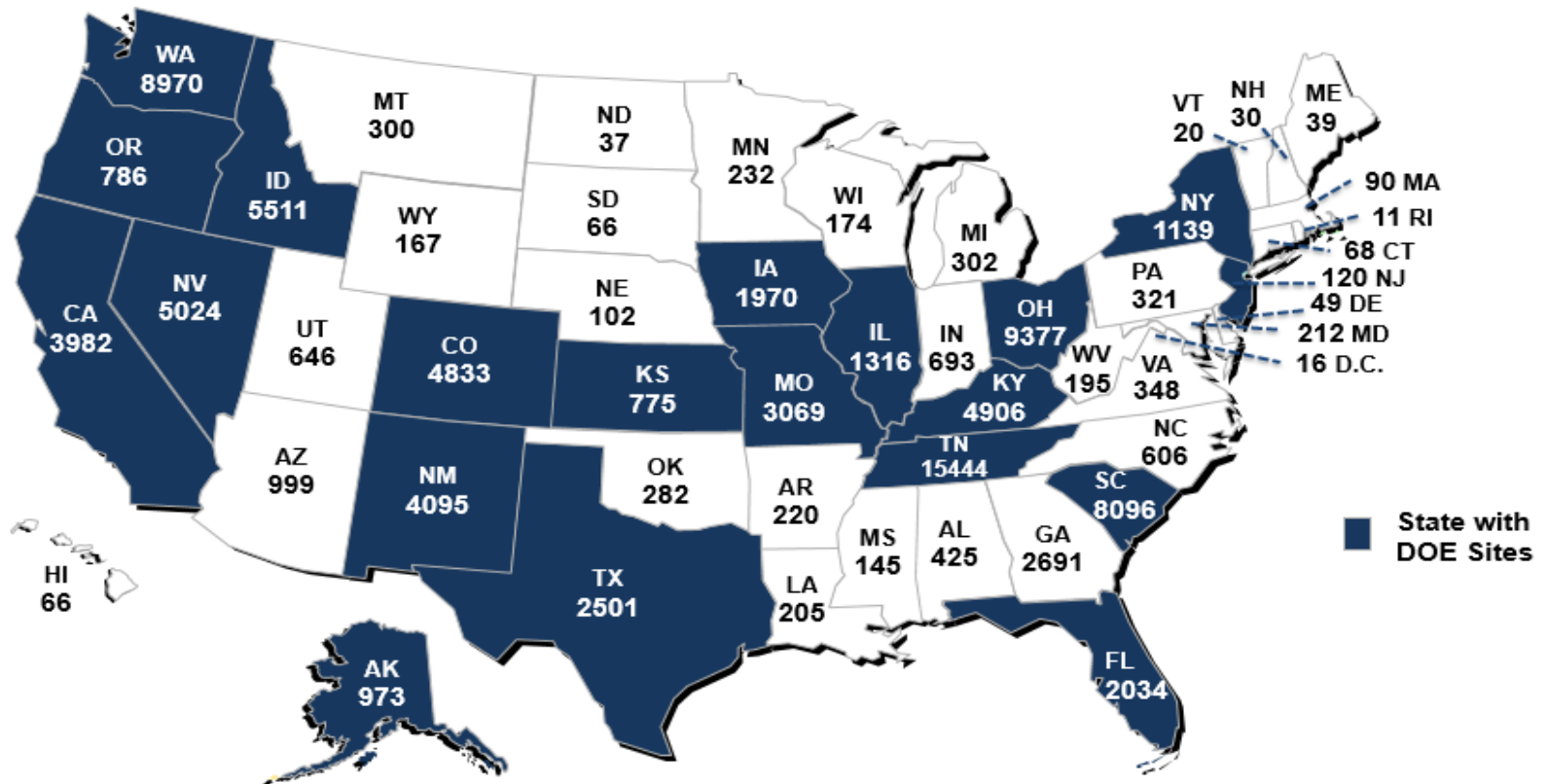




# FWP Screenings



## Participants Screened by State of Residence



As of September 2019, 154,145 medical screenings (94,331 initial exams and 59,814 re-screen exams)



# *Resources for FWP Information*



- FWP website:

<http://energy.gov/ehss/services/worker-health-and-safety/former-worker-medical-screening-program>

- FWP Summary of Services:

<https://www.energy.gov/ehss/downloads/former-worker-program-summary-services>

- FWP 2019 Annual Report:

<https://www.energy.gov/ehss/downloads/2019-former-worker-medical-screening-program-annual-report>



Thank you!