



# 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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# EEOICPA Agencies

## Agencies:

- Department of Labor (DOL)
- Department of Energy (DOE)
- National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH)
- Department of Justice (DOJ)

# DOE's Core Mandate

Work on behalf of the program claimants to ensure that all available facility records and data are provided to DOL, NIOSH, and the Advisory Boards.

# DOE Responsibilities

## Respond

Respond via the Secure Electronics Records Transfer (**SERT**) System to DOL and NIOSH requests for information related to individual claims (employment verification, exposure records).

## Assist

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

Conduct research, in coordination with DOL and NIOSH, on issues related to covered facilities designations, and website

# Records of Interest

## Examples:

- Employment history for individual workers;
- Group and individual worker-monitoring data;
- Workplace area-monitoring data;
- Process description information and process history;
- Incident, safety, and accident reports;
- Pertinent excerpts from employee medical records;
- Information on the quantity and composition of toxic substances; and
- Identification, last known address, phone numbers of current and former supervisors, occupational safety and health staff, and nonsupervisory employees of DOE and its contractors and subcontractors with expertise on site operations

# 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.

Large-scale research projects are driven by the data needs of DOL and NIOSH.

NIOSH and Advisory Board

Site Profiles (Radiation)

Employee Cohort (IH data)

Special Exposure Cohorts

DOL and Advisory Board

Site Exposure Matrices (SEM) DOL website with operational history (Labor Categories, Buildings, Hazards)

Active Site Assistance Research

NIOSH 22

DOL 5 (SEM updates)

2 (SEM Public release)

# Large-Scale Research Projects

# Document Reviews

## Employee and Large-Scale Research

- Program/Department Review
- Classification review
- Third Party PII Review
- Privacy Act Review Occurs Only if PA submitted (By appropriate PA official)

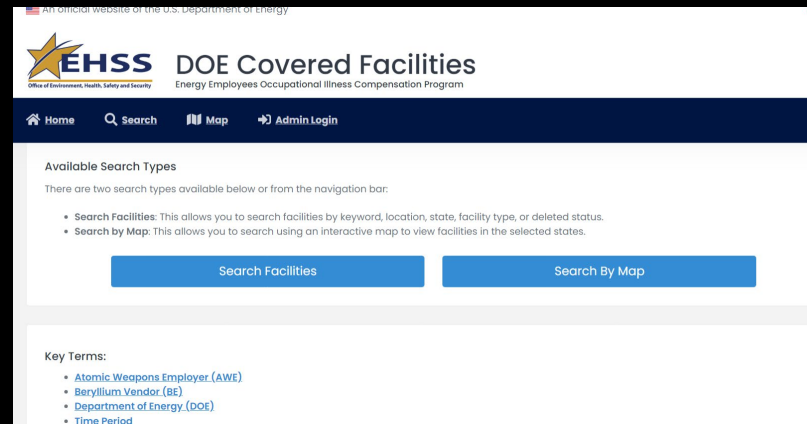




# SORN/ Routine Use Records

- DOE-10, Energy Employees Occupational Illness Compensation Amended 2009
- DOE-5, Personnel Records of Former Contractor Employees;
- DOE-33, Personnel Medical Records;
- DOE-35, Personnel Radiation Exposure Records;
- DOE-38, Occupational and Industrial Accident Records;
- DOE-41, Legal Files (Claims, Litigation, Criminal Violations, Patents, and Others);
- DOE-71, The Radiation Accident Registry;
- DOE-72, The DOE Radiation Study Registry;
- DOE-73, The US-DTPA Registry;
- DOE-86, Human Radiation Experiments Records; and
- DOE-88, Epidemiologic and Other Health Studies, Surveys, and Surveillances.

An official website of the U.S. Department of Energy



Available Search Types

There are two search types available below or from the navigation bar:

- **Search Facilities:** This allows you to search facilities by keyword, location, state, facility type, or deleted status.
- **Search by Map:** This allows you to search using an interactive map to view facilities in the selected states.

Search Facilities      Search By Map

Key Terms:

- [Atomic Weapons Employer \(AWE\)](#)
- [Beryllium Vendor \(BE\)](#)
- [Department of Energy \(DOE\)](#)
- [Time Period](#)

# Facility 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>

# Metrics

<b>DOE Responses (46 sites)</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b>FY 22</b>	<b>16093</b>
<b>Over 60 days</b>	<b>2585</b>
	<b>84%</b>
<b>FY 23 (4.5 mo)</b>	<b>7304</b>
<b>Over 60 days</b>	<b>730</b>
	<b>90%</b>
<b>Since 2001</b>	
<b>Responses (approx)</b>	<b>360,000</b>

# DOE Record Initiatives

- EPI Moratorium (1990 Watkins; 1993 O’Leary; 1998 Richardson)
- Ownership of Records (DEAR 970.5204-3)
- 2009 Amended SORN
- 2011 Working Group –Update Record Inventory Disposition (75-250 years)
- 2018 Records Disposition Schedule Tech Team
- 2021 Standards for digitizing permanent federal records so that agencies may dispose of the original source records.
  - Transition to Electronic Records, OMB M-19-21



# Information

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# Worker Health Protection Program (WHPP)

## Who we are

- DOE funded Former Worker Program since 1998, screening employees of 12 DOE sites
- Managed by Barry Commoner Center for Health and the Environment, Queens College, City University of New York (CUNY)
- Our partners:
  - UNLV School of Medicine (Las Vegas, NV)
  - United Steel Workers (USW)
  - Atomic Trades and Labor Council (ATLC)

### **Dr. Steven Markowitz, MD, DrPH**

- Principal Investigator & Project Director since 1997
- Chair of DOL Advisory Board on Toxic Substances and Worker Health



### **Sandie Medina**

- Former Nevada Test Site worker, helped create the NTS screening in 1996
- Outreach Coordinator for Nevada Screening

# Worker Health Protection Program (WHPP)

## Nevada Test Site Screening

- We offer no-cost medical screenings for health effects due to exposure to asbestos, silica, beryllium, noise, solvents, and other hazardous chemicals.
- Tests may include: physical exam, chest x-ray with b-read, breathing test, blood test, spirometry, beryllium test, and audiology. Participants are eligible for rescreen exams every 3 years.
- Participants at the highest risk of lung cancer (based on age, work history, and smoking history) are invited to receive Low Dose CT Scans from the WHPP Early Lung Cancer Detection Program (ELCD)

### **Program Details:**

- Former (not current) workers with one year at the NTS, including North Las Vegas, Losee Road, Sunset Road, Tonopah Test Range, and Nuclear Rocket Development Station (NRDS).
- Screenings held at UNLV School of Medicine's Department of Family and Community Medicine

### **What we've done in Nevada:**

Former workers screened: 5,679

Exams (including re-screens): 10,096

Former NTS workers screened for lung cancer: 760

Low-dose CT scans completed: 2,875

## Worker Health Protection Program (WHPP)

### For more information or to enroll:

- See Sandie Medina at her table, or call 702-485-6724

- Call us at 877-771-7977 (toll free)

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Questions?

