

NIOSH Program Update

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Advisory Board on Radiation and Worker Health, 145th Meeting

Virtual

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Contracts, Staffing

In process of hiring a health physicist due to retirement

IT Update

- Now able to process all cases manually
- We have achieved steady-state processing of dose reconstructions.
 - This means that dose reconstructions are being completed at the same rate that new dose reconstruction referrals are received from the Department of Labor. We continue to achieve our goal of having more than 90% of all dose reconstructions completed within 5 months of receiving the last data required for completion.
- We continue to work on data management systems, e.g., Site Research Data Base (SRDB)

Workshops, Town Halls, Outreach

- No in-person events since 2020
- Have supported DOL virtual events (webinars) in 2021
- In-person worker outreach meetings are being planned by DOL and will be supported by NIOSH.

Record Requests to Department of Energy

- 343 outstanding
 - 62 between 61 and 120 days old
 - 20 between 121 and 180 days old
 - 4 greater than 180 days old

Case status report*

- 54,516 cases to NIOSH from DOL
- 52,449 returned to DOL
 - 1,165 at NIOSH for dose reconstruction (DR)
 - 902 administratively closed
- 47,022 submitted DOL with DR
 - 1,754 pulled from DR by DOL
 - 3,673 pulled for Special Exposure Cohort (SEC)

Probability of Causation Summary

- 47,022 DRs sent for final adjudication
 - 34,356 less than 50% 73% of total
 - 12,666 greater than 50% 27% of total
 - Typically, the cases have been between 25% and 30% at 50% or greater and 70% to 75% less than 50%.

Active Cases

- 1,165* active at NIOSH for DR
 - 444 in the DR process
 - 292 draft DR reports with claimants
 - 429 cases preparing for DR