

ENERGY EMPLOYEES  
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## WHERE TO GO FOR HELP

A list of addresses and telephone numbers for Resource Centers and District Offices is included in this packet. You may also:

- ❖ visit the Department of Labor's Internet web site, [www.dol.gov/esa/regs/compliance/owcp/eeoicp/main.htm](http://www.dol.gov/esa/regs/compliance/owcp/eeoicp/main.htm); or
- ❖ call our toll-free call center, (866) 888-3322.

### What claim forms are required?

#### For Employees:

EE-1

EE-3

medical report conforming to EE-7

#### For Survivors:

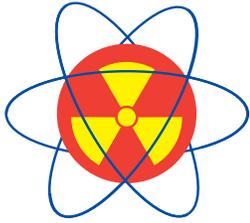
EE-2 & proof of relationship

EE-3

medical report conforming to EE-7

### Where to file claims:

Consult the enclosed list of District Offices and state jurisdiction map, and file your claim at the District Office that has jurisdiction over the area where the covered employee last worked.



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## **FACT SHEET**

### **The Energy Employees Occupational Illness Compensation Program Act (EEOICPA):**

- ❖ was passed in October, 2000;
- ❖ became effective on July 31, 2001;
- ❖ was amended in October and December, 2001;
- ❖ provides \$150,000 in lump-sum compensation, as well as related medical expenses to workers who contracted certain diseases as a result of exposure to beryllium, silica or radiation while working for the Department of Energy, its contractors or subcontractors in the nuclear weapons industry;
- ❖ provides \$50,000 in lump-sum payments and medical expenses to uranium employees who were awarded benefits, by the Department of Justice under Section 5 of the Radiation Exposure Compensation Act (RECA); and
- ❖ provides benefits to qualified survivors of deceased employees.

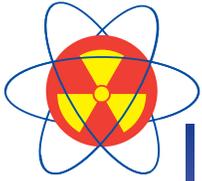
#### **Covered diseases include:**

- ❖ cancer that is at least as likely as not related to radiation exposure in covered employment;
- ❖ specified cancers for some employees;
- ❖ chronic beryllium disease (CBD);
- ❖ chronic silicosis;
- ❖ beryllium sensitivity (medical benefits only); and
- ❖ medical conditions accepted under RECA.

#### **Four agencies have responsibility for administering the Act:**

The Department of Labor (DOL), as the lead agency, determines eligibility for compensation and medical expenses.

- ❖ The Department of Energy (DOE) provides employment information to DOL relevant to claims, provides worker exposure information to the Department of Health and Human Services, helps DOE contractor and subcontractor workers file state workers' compensation claims for conditions due to toxic exposures at work, and designates atomic weapons employers and additional beryllium vendors.
- ❖ The Department of Health and Human Services establishes procedures for estimating radiation doses, develops guidelines to determine the probability that a cancer was caused by the exposure to radiation, estimates radiation doses (dose reconstruction), and determines additions to the Special Exposure Cohort.
- ❖ The Department of Justice notifies uranium workers eligible for benefits under RECA that they may also receive compensation from the Department of Labor.

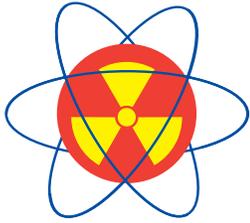


**To qualify for compensation:**

- ❖ Employees provide DOL with their employment history (by completing Form EE-3) and medical records showing evidence of a covered disease.
- ❖ DOE verifies the employment history whenever possible, but employment history may also be verified through other evidence, such as Social Security records, pension and union records, or through statements by co-workers or other contacts.
- ❖ Survivors need to provide the same work history and medical records for the deceased worker to qualify for compensation and evidence of their relationship to the employee such as a marriage certificate or birth certificate.

**Claim forms are included with this packet. To get additional claim forms:**

- ❖ visit DOL's website, [www.dol.gov/esa/regs/compliance/owcp/eeoicp/main.htm](http://www.dol.gov/esa/regs/compliance/owcp/eeoicp/main.htm);
- ❖ call DOL's toll-free call center, (866) 888-3322; or
- ❖ contact the nearest district office or resource center (see separate location lists).



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## **FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS**

### **When can I file my claim under the Energy Employees Occupational Illness Compensation Program Act (EEOICPA)?**

You can send your claim in any time. There are no time limitations for filing a claim.

### **Who can file for benefits?**

Workers or former workers may be eligible if:

- ❖ they have an illness caused by radiation, beryllium or silica (or have recovered from the illness) and
- ❖ they were exposed to radiation, beryllium or silica while they were working in the nuclear weapons industry for the Department of Energy (DOE) or one of its predecessor agencies, including its contractors and subcontractors. Uranium miners, millers and ore transporters may be eligible for benefits if they have been awarded benefits under Section 5 of the Radiation Exposure Compensation Act (RECA). Certain survivors of these two groups of employees may also be eligible for benefits.

### **What diseases are covered?**

The law covers cancer, beryllium sensitivity, chronic beryllium disease and chronic silicosis.

### **What are the benefits?**

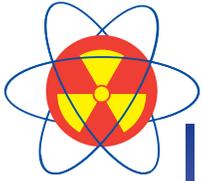
If you have cancer, chronic silicosis or chronic beryllium disease, you may receive

- ❖ a lump-sum payment of \$150,000 and
- ❖ medical benefits for the job-related illness from the date you filed your claim but no earlier than July 31, 2001. If you have beryllium sensitivity only, you may receive medical treatment for that condition, but you will not receive the lump-sum payment.

### **If I qualify for benefits under RECA, what benefits will I get under this law?**

If you are a uranium employee who was awarded benefits under RECA, you may receive:

- ❖ a lump-sum payment of up to \$50,000 and
- ❖ medical benefits for the job-related illness, from the date you file your EEOICPA claim but no earlier than July 31, 2001.



### **Are surviving spouses eligible for benefits?**

Yes, if they were married to the eligible employee for at least one year immediately prior to the date of the employee's death.

### **Are children eligible for benefits?**

Yes, if their parent was an eligible employee and if there is no qualified surviving spouse, payment will be made in equal shares to the living children of the covered employee; "child" includes a recognized natural child, a stepchild who lived with an individual in a regular parent-child relationship, or an adopted child; compensation is also provided to a minor child of the employee who is not a natural or adopted child of the surviving spouse.

### **Where can I get forms to file a claim?**

The forms are available from three sources:

- ❖ you can download them off the Internet at [www.dol.gov/esa/regs/compliance/owcp/eoicp/main.htm](http://www.dol.gov/esa/regs/compliance/owcp/eoicp/main.htm);
- ❖ you can request a form from the toll free call center, (866) 888-3322; or
- ❖ you can request them from or pick them up at the closest Resource Center or District Office (see separate location lists).

### **Where should I file my claim for benefits?**

Claims should be submitted to the District Office having jurisdiction of the state where the covered employee last worked (see separate location list).

### **How much time do I have to file a claim?**

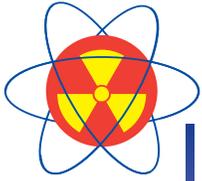
There is no deadline, but if you are eligible, medical benefits for the job-related illness start from the date you file the claim, but no earlier than July 31, 2001.

### **Once I file a claim, how long will I have to wait to get benefits?**

How long it takes to process a claim depends on many factors, including verification of employment by the DOE and submission of all necessary medical documentation by the claimant.

### **What facilities are covered under this law?**

The Department of Energy has listed 350 facilities. You can find the list on the Internet at [www.doe.gov](http://www.doe.gov) or call the Energy Department's toll free hotline, (877) 447-9756. You can also use the Labor Department's web site, [www.dol.gov](http://www.dol.gov) to link to the list.



### **What can I do if the facility where I worked is not on the list and it should be?**

If you want to suggest other facilities for the Department of Energy's list, call toll-free, (877) 447-9756, or send email to: [www.eh.doe.gov/advocacy](http://www.eh.doe.gov/advocacy). You may also write to the Office of Worker Advocacy, U.S. Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue SW, Washington, DC 20585.

### **What do I need to file a claim?**

If you are a worker or former worker, you should complete Form EE-1. If you are a survivor, you should complete Form EE-2. We will also need the worker's employment history, Form EE-3, and medical evidence of the illness as described on Form EE-7.

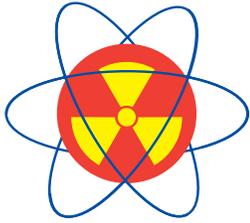
### **How can I prove that I worked for the Department of Energy or one of its contractors if I no longer have any employment records?**

The Department of Energy will verify your work history if they have records available. If the records are not available, the Department of Labor will help you develop your work history through other sources such as Social Security records, pension and union records, statements by co-workers or other contacts.

### **What proof do survivors need to file claims?**

Survivors need to complete Form EE-2. In addition, the Department of Labor needs

- ❖ the deceased worker's employment history and medical records, plus
- ❖ proof of the survivor's relationship to the deceased employee, such as marriage or birth certificates and the certificate of death of the employee.



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## DISTRICT OFFICE LOCATIONS

### **District Office 1 – Jacksonville, Florida**

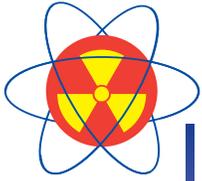
(Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina and Tennessee)

U.S. Department of Labor, DEEOIC  
214 North Hogan Street, Suite #910  
Jacksonville, FL 32202  
Main # (904) 357-4705  
Fax # (904) 357-4704  
Toll Free # (877) 336-4272  
Regional Director: Nancy Ricker  
District Director: William Franson

### **District Office 2 – Cleveland, Ohio**

(Connecticut, Delaware, District of Columbia, Illinois, Indiana, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Puerto Rico, Rhode Island, Vermont, Virgin Islands, Virginia, West Virginia and Wisconsin)

U.S. Department of Labor, DEEOIC  
1001 Lakeside Avenue, Suite #350  
Cleveland, OH 44114  
Main # (216) 802-1300  
Fax # (216) 802-1308  
Toll Free # (888) 859-7211  
Regional Director: Nancy Jenson  
District Director: Annette Prindle



### **District Office 3 – Denver, Colorado**

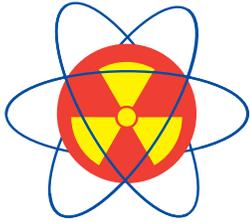
(Arkansas, Colorado, Kansas, Louisiana, Montana, Nebraska, New Mexico, North Dakota, Oklahoma, South Dakota, Texas, Utah, Wyoming and all claims from RECA Section 5 awardees)

U.S. Department of Labor, DEEOIC  
1999 Broadway, Suite #1120  
P.O. Box 46550  
Denver, CO 80202-6550  
Main # (720) 264-3060  
Fax # (720) 264-3099  
Toll Free # (888) 805-3389  
Regional Director: E. Martin Walker  
Deputy Regional/District Director: Robert Mansanares  
Assistant District Director: Kevin Peterson

### **District Office 4 – Seattle, Washington**

(Alaska, Arizona, California, Idaho, Iowa, Hawaii, Marshall Islands, Missouri, Nevada, Oregon and Washington)

U.S. Department of Labor, DEEOIC  
719 2nd Avenue, 6th Floor, Suite #601  
Seattle, WA 98104  
Main # (206) 373-6750  
Fax # (206) 373-6798  
Toll Free # (888) 805-3401  
Regional Director: Edward Bounds  
District Director: Christy Long



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## RESOURCE CENTERS

### **Savannah River Resource Center**

1708 Bunting Drive  
North Augusta, SC 29841  
Main (803) 279-2728  
Fax (803) 279-0146  
toll-free (866) 666-4606  
srs.center@eh.doe.gov

### **Espanola Resource Center**

412 Paseo De Onate Suite "D"  
Espanola, NM 87532  
Main (505) 747-6766  
Fax (505) 929-1054  
toll-free (866) 272-3622  
espanola.center@eh.doe.gov

### **Idaho Falls Resource Center**

Exchange Plaza  
1820 East 17th Street, Suite 375  
Idaho Falls, ID 83404  
Main (208) 523-0158  
Fax (208) 557-0551  
toll-free (800) 861-8608  
idaho.center@eh.doe.gov

### **Las Vegas Resource Center**

Flamingo Executive Park  
1050 East Flamingo Road, Suite W-156  
Las Vegas, NV 89119  
Main (702) 697-0841  
Fax (702) 697-0843  
toll-free (866) 697-0841  
vegas.center@eh.doe.gov

### **Oak Ridge Resource Center**

Jackson Plaza Office Complex  
800 Oak Ridge Turnpike, Suite C-103  
Oak Ridge, TN 37830  
Main (865) 481-0411  
Fax (865) 481-8832  
toll-free (866) 481-0411  
or.center@eh.doe.gov

### **Paducah Resource Center**

Barkley Center, Unit 125  
125 Memorial Drive  
Paducah, KY 42001  
Main (270) 534-0599  
Fax (270) 534-8723  
toll-free (866) 534-0599  
paducah.center@eh.doe.gov

### **Portsmouth Resource Center**

4320 Old Scioto Trail  
Portsmouth, OH 45662  
Main (740) 353-6993  
Fax (740) 353-4707  
toll-free (866) 363-6993  
portsmouth.center@eh.doe.gov

### **Hanford Resource Center**

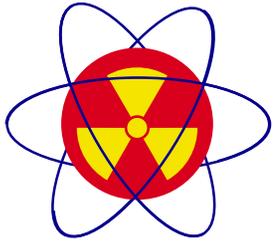
1029 N. Kellogg Street  
Kennewick, WA 99336  
Main (509) 783-1500  
Fax (509) 783-0651  
toll-free (888) 654-0014  
hanford.center@eh.doe.gov

### **Anchorage Resource Center**

2501 Commercial Drive  
Anchorage, AK 99501  
Main (907) 258-4070  
Fax (907) 258-4240  
toll-free (888) 908-4070  
doecomp@acsalaska.net

### **Rocky Flats Resource Center**

8758 Wolff Court  
Suite #101  
Westminster, CO 80031  
Main (720) 540-4977  
Fax (720) 540-4976  
toll-free (866) 540-4977  
denver.center@eh.doe.gov



# Division of Energy Employees Occupational Illness Compensation District Office Jurisdictions

