**OFFICE OF WORKERS' COMPENSATION PROGRAMS** | Division of Energy Employees Occupational Illness Compensation
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

# Claims Adjudication Timeframes

**FILE CLAIM**

Once you file a claim (electronically using the Energy Document Portal (EDP) or on paper through a Resource Center or directly to a district office), the district office will assign you a claim number and a Claims Examiner (CE).

**Complete Occupational Health Questionnaire**

The Resource Center will then interview you to ask questions about the employee's occupational history (Occupational History Questionnaire (OHQ), part E filing only)

**Provide additional evidence**

During the review process, the CE may write to you asking for information regarding the employee's work, medical documentation, or other information. You will be given 30 days from the date of these letters to submit this information.

**RECEIVE RECOMMENDED DECISION**

**Recommended Decisions are typically issued within 145 days of claim receipt**

The CE will issue a written recommendation to accept or deny your claim. The case then proceeds to the Final Adjudication Branch (FAB).

**disagree**

If you disagree, submit a written statement within 60 days explaining why you object, or request a hearing.

**agree**

If you agree, submit a waiver to indicate that you forego any challenges and wish for FAB to proceed with its review of the recommended decision.

**RECEIVE FINAL DECISION**

**Final Decisions are typically issued within 75 days of a) the recommended decision, or b) request for review of written record. They are issued within 150 days if a hearing is requested.**

**Final decisions are typically issued within 30 days of receipt of waiver**