

FY 2015

CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET JUSTIFICATION

**ENERGY EMPLOYEES OCCUPATIONAL ILLNESS
COMPENSATION PROGRAM ACT**

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APPROPRIATION LANGUAGE

For necessary expenses to administer the Energy Employees Occupational Illness Compensation Program Act, [\$55,176,000] \$56,406,000, to remain available until expended: Provided, That the Secretary of Labor may require that any person filing a claim for benefits under the Act provide as part of such claim, such identifying information (including Social Security account number) as may be prescribed. (*Department of Labor Appropriations Act, 2014.*)

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ANALYSIS OF APPROPRIATION LANGUAGE

Language Provision	Explanation
<p>"<i>Provided</i>, That the Secretary of Labor may require that any person filing a claim for benefits under the Act provide as part of such claim, such identifying information (including Social Security account number) as may be prescribed."</p>	<p>This language provides authority to require disclosure of Social Security account numbers (SSN's) by individuals filing claims under the Energy Employees Occupational Illness Compensation Program Act (EEOICPA). The use prevents duplicate claims being filed by the same claimant and makes it easier to match data from different benefit programs to detect errors (including fraud), consistent with Congressional mandates to do so. This legislative language is needed because the Privacy Act prevents agencies from requiring disclosure of SSN's unless disclosure is required by Federal statute. (See Privacy Act, December 31, 1974, P.L. 93-579, section 7, Statute 909)</p>

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AMOUNTS AVAILABLE FOR OBLIGATION						
(Dollars in Thousands)						
	FY 2013 Enacted		FY 2014 Enacted		FY 2015 Request	
	FTE	Amount	FTE	Amount	FTE	Amount
A. Appropriation	272	\$52,147	264	\$55,176	264	\$56,406
Sequestration reduction	0	-4,342		-5,407		
<i>A.1. Subtotal Appropriation</i>	272	\$47,805	264	\$49,769	264	\$56,406
Unobligated balance available start-of year (Part B)	0	\$2,942	0	\$5,962	0	\$0
Recoveries of prior-year unpaid obligations	0	\$1,545				
DOL Administrative Expenses: (Part E) (Indefinite Authority)	250	\$73,825	241	\$74,042	241	\$74,429
Sequestration reduction		-5,832		-7,256		
Offsetting collections	0	\$3,559				
B. Gross Budget Authority	522	\$123,845	505	\$122,517	505	\$130,835
Unobligated balance available start-of year (Part B)	0	-\$2,942	0	-\$5,962	0	\$0
Recoveries of prior-year unpaid obligations	0	-\$1,545				
DOL Administrative Expenses (Part E) (Indefinite Authority)	-250	-\$67,993	-241	-\$66,786	-241	-\$74,429
Offsetting collections	0	-\$3,559				
C. Budget Authority Before Committee	272	\$47,805	264	\$49,769	264	\$56,406
Unobligated balance available start-of year (Part B)	0	\$2,942	0	\$5,962	0	\$0
Recoveries of prior-year unpaid obligations	0	\$1,545				
DOL Administrative Expenses (Part E) (Indefinite Authority)	250	\$67,993	241	\$66,786	241	\$74,429
Offsetting collections	0	\$3,559				
D. Total Budgetary Resources (Appropriated and Indefinite)	522	\$123,845	505	\$122,517	505	\$130,835
Unobligated Balances Carrying Forward for Part B	-8	-\$5,962	0	\$0	0	\$0
Unobligated Balances Expiring for Part E	-9	-\$117	0	\$0	0	\$0
E. Total, Estimated Obligations	505	\$117,766	505	\$122,517	505	\$130,835

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SUMMARY OF CHANGES

(Dollars in Thousands)

	FY 2014 Enacted	FY 2015 Request	Net Change
Budget Authority			
General Funds	\$116,555	\$130,835	+\$14,280
Total	\$116,555	\$130,835	+\$14,280
Full Time Equivalents			
General Funds	505	505	0
Total	505	505	0

Explanation of Change	FY 2014 Base		Trust Funds		FY 2015 Change General Funds		Total	
	FTE	Amount	FTE	Amount	FTE	Amount	FTE	Amount
Increases:								
A. Built-Ins:								
To Provide For:								
Costs of pay adjustments	505	\$42,156	0	\$0	0	\$465	0	\$465
Personnel benefits	0	\$9,412	0	\$0	0	\$105	0	\$105
Employee health benefits	0	\$2,914	0	\$0	0	\$32	0	\$32
Moving allowance	0	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0
Federal Employees' Compensation Act (FECA)	0	\$215	0	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0
Benefits for former personnel	0	\$50	0	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0
Travel and transportation of persons	0	\$345	0	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0
Transportation of things	0	\$7	0	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0
Rental payments to GSA	0	\$5,920	0	\$0	0	\$1,015	0	\$1,015
Rental payments to others	0	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0
Communications, utilities, and miscellaneous charges	0	\$731	0	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0
Printing and reproduction	0	\$60	0	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0
Advisory and assistance services	0	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0
Other services from non-Federal sources	0	\$18,618	0	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0
Working Capital Fund	0	\$12,973	0	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0
Other Federal sources (DHS Charges)	0	\$610	0	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0
Other goods and services from Federal sources	0	\$8,894	0	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0
Research & Development Contracts	0	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0
Operation and maintenance of facilities	0	\$10	0	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0
Operation and maintenance of equipment	0	\$12,860	0	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0
Supplies and materials	0	\$260	0	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0
Equipment	0	\$520	0	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0
Grants, subsidies, and contributions	0	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0

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Explanation of Change	FY 2014 Base		Trust Funds		FY 2015 Change General Funds		Total	
	FTE	Amount	FTE	Amount	FTE	Amount	FTE	Amount
Insurance claims and indemnities	0	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0
Built-Ins Subtotal	505	+\$116,555	0	\$0	0	+\$1,617	0	+\$1,617
B. Programs:								
Increases for Part B IT Modernization and Enhanced Outreach Activities	0	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$5,407	0	\$5,407
Increases for Part E IT Modernization and Enhanced Outreach Activities	0	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$7,265	0	\$7,265
Programs Subtotal			0	\$0	0	+\$12,663	0	+\$12,663
Total Increase	505	+\$116,555	0	\$0	0	+\$14,280	0	+\$14,280
Decreases:								
A. Built-Ins:								
To Provide For:								
Built-Ins Subtotal	0	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0
B. Programs:								
Programs Subtotal			0	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0
Total Decrease	0	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0
Total Change	505	+\$116,555	0	\$0	0	+\$14,280	0	+\$14,280

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SUMMARY BUDGET AUTHORITY AND FTE BY APPROPRIATION

(Dollars in Thousands)

	FY 2013 Enacted		FY 2014 Enacted		FY 2015 Request		Diff. FY15 Request / FY14 Enacted	
	FTE	Amount	FTE	Amount	FTE	Amount	FTE	Amount
Energy Employees Occupational Illness Compensation Program Part B – Admin	264	\$47,805	264	\$49,769	264	\$56,406	0	\$6,637
General Funds/OWCP	261	\$47,097	261	\$49,130	261	\$55,673	0	\$6,543
General Funds/Ombudsman	3	\$708	3	\$639	3	\$733	0	\$94
Energy Employees Occupational Illness Compensation Program Part E – Admin	241	\$67,993	241	\$66,786	241	\$74,429	0	\$7,643
General Funds/OWCP	239	\$67,066	239	\$65,952	239	\$73,496	0	\$7,544
General Funds/Ombudsman	2	\$927	2	\$834	2	\$933	0	\$99
Energy Employees Occupational Illness Compensation Program – Benefits	0	\$1,242,516	0	\$1,201,997	0	\$1,175,486	0	-\$26,511
Energy Employees Occupational Illness Compensation Program Part B	0	\$685,749	0	\$632,514	0	\$600,123	0	-\$32,391
Energy Employees Occupational Illness Compensation Program Part E	0	\$556,767	0	\$569,483	0	\$575,363	0	\$5,880
Total	505	1,358,314	505	\$1,318,552	505	\$1,306,321	0	-\$12,231

Note: FY 2013 reflects actual FTE.

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BUDGET AUTHORITY BY OBJECT CLASS					
(Dollars in Thousands)					
		FY 2013 Enacted	FY 2014 Enacted	FY 2015 Request	Diff. FY15 Request / FY14 Enacted
	Full-Time Equivalent				
	Full-time Permanent	522	505	505	0
	Total	522	505	505	0
	Average ES Salary	\$157,522	\$164,138	\$170,596	\$6,458
	Average GM/GS Grade	12/5	12/5	12/6	0
	Average GM/GS Salary	\$82,711	\$86,185	\$89,576	\$3,391
	Average Salary of Ungraded Positions	0	0	0	0
11.1	Full-time permanent	42,145	41,905	42,370	465
11.3	Other than full-time permanent	122	25	25	0
11.5	Other personnel compensation	2	112	112	0
11.8	Special personal services payments	15	114	114	0
11.9	Total personnel compensation	42,284	42,156	42,621	465
12.1	Civilian personnel benefits	12,963	12,541	12,678	137
13.0	Benefits for former personnel	400	50	62	12
21.0	Travel and transportation of persons	315	345	431	86
22.0	Transportation of things	8	7	8	1
23.1	Rental payments to GSA	5,699	5,920	6,068	148
23.2	Rental payments to others	5	0	0	0
23.3	Communications, utilities, and miscellaneous charges	654	731	908	177
24.0	Printing and reproduction	57	60	76	16
25.1	Advisory and assistance services	0	0	0	0
25.2	Other services from non-Federal sources	20,368	18,618	26,579	7,961
25.3	Other goods and services from Federal sources 1/	18,149	22,477	26,234	3,757
25.4	Operation and maintenance of facilities	69	10	11	1
25.5	Research and development contracts	0	0	0	0
25.7	Operation and maintenance of equipment	14,411	12,860	14,000	1,140
26.0	Supplies and materials	361	260	430	170
31.0	Equipment	55	520	729	209
41.0	Grants, subsidies, and contributions	0	0	0	0
42.0	Insurance claims and indemnities	0	0	0	0
	Total	115,798	116,555	130,835	14,280
	1/Other goods and services from Federal sources				
	Working Capital Fund	11,780	12,973	12,973	0
	DHS Services	474	610	625	15
	Services by DOL Agencies	5,267	5,022	5,022	0
	GSA Services	3	1	1	0
	Services by Other Government Departments	625	3,871	7,613	3,742

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AUTHORIZING STATUTES

Public Law / Act	Legislation	Statute No. / US Code	Volume No.	Page No.	Expiration Date
Pub. L. 106-398	Energy Employees Occupational Illness Compensation Program Act	42 U.S.C. § 7385 <i>et seq.</i>			Does not expire
Pub. L. 108-375	Energy Employees Occupational Illness Compensation Program Act	42 U.S.C. § 7384 <i>et seq.</i>			Does not expire

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APPROPRIATION HISTORY (Dollars in Thousands)					
	Budget Estimates to Congress	House Allowance	Senate Allowance	Appropriations	FTE
2005					
Base Appropriation...1/	\$40,821	\$40,821	\$40,821	\$88,296	380
2006					
Base Appropriation...2/	\$156,031	\$96,081	\$96,081	\$143,031	464
2007					
Base Appropriation...3/	\$161,838	\$0	\$0	\$158,966	464
2008					
Base Appropriation...4/	\$161,630	\$0	\$0	\$158,278	598
2009					
Base Appropriation...5/6/	\$108,178	\$0	\$49,654	\$115,713	598
2010					
Base Appropriation...7/	\$111,209	\$51,197	\$51,197	\$127,137	580
2011					
Base Appropriation...8/	\$126,567	\$0	\$0	\$123,778	494
2012					
Base Appropriation...9/	\$125,590	\$0	\$0	\$125,590	464
2013					
Base Appropriation...10/	\$129,000	\$0	\$0	\$115,798	522
2014					
Base Appropriation...11/	\$129,218	\$0	\$0	\$116,555	505
2015					
Base Appropriation	\$130,835	\$0	\$0	\$0	505

^{1/} Reflects \$500 rescission.

^{2/} Reflects Part B - \$40,313 and 275 FTE, and HHS - \$55,768. In addition, includes \$4,500 to NIOSH for use by the Advisory Board on Radiation and Worker Health.

^{3/} Reflects Part B - \$49,971 and 275 FTE, and HHS \$52,336.

^{4/} Reflects Part B - \$49,387 and 305 FTE, and HHS \$55,358.

^{5/} Reflects Part B - \$49,654 and 305 FTE. DOL has requested that the \$55,358 funding for HHS/NIOSH be appropriated directly to HHS.

^{6/} Reflects Part B - \$49,654 and 305 FTE. Funding for HHS/NIOSH was appropriated directly to HHS.

^{7/} Reflects Part B - \$51,900 and 305 FTE. This amount includes \$703 for the Ombudsman's Office.

^{8/} Reflects Part B - \$51,900 and 285 FTE. This amount includes \$703 for the Ombudsman's Office.

^{9/} Reflects Part B - \$52,147 and 219 FTE. This amount includes \$703 for the Ombudsman's Office.

^{10/} Reflects Part B - \$52,147 and 272 FTE. This amount includes \$703 for the Ombudsman's Office. The appropriated amount includes sequestration amount of -\$10,174.

^{11/} Reflects Part B - \$49,769 and 264 FTE. This amount includes \$639 for the Ombudsman's Office. The appropriated amount includes sequestration amount of -\$12,663.

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Overview

The Energy Employees Occupational Illness Compensation Program Act (EEOICPA) enacted in October 2000, provides for program administration and operations that directly support the Secretary's strategic vision of "*Promoting and Protecting Opportunity*" by providing income support and medical care to claimants. EEOICPA provides benefits under Part B to covered employees or survivors of employees of the Department of Energy (DOE), and private companies under contract with DOE, who have been diagnosed with a radiation-related cancer, beryllium-related disease, or chronic silicosis as a result of their work in producing or testing nuclear weapons. Benefits for uranium workers covered by the Radiation Exposure Compensation Act (RECA) are also provided.

In October 2004, the EEOICPA was amended to replace Part D, wherein the DOE provided assistance in obtaining state workers compensation to DOE contractor employees or their survivors who were found to have work-related occupational illnesses due to exposure to a toxic substance at a DOE facility, with a newly created Part E to provide federal benefits and be administered by the Department of Labor (DOL). All claims previously filed with DOE were transferred to DOL.

Administrative funds for Part B are appropriated annually. For Part E, administrative funds are provided through indefinite appropriations.

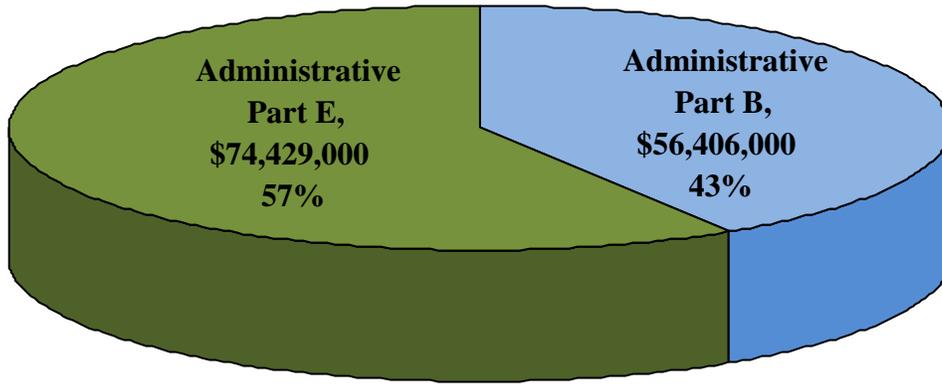
EEOICPA's base funding includes \$733,000 in Part B funds and \$933,000 in Part E funds for the Office of the Ombudsman for the EEOICPA. The Office of the Ombudsman was created by Congress to address the concerns of claimants and potential claimants regarding their receipt of benefits under Part E of EEOICPA and was later expanded to Part B. By law, this office is required to be independent from the Division of Energy Employees Occupational Illness Compensation (DEEOIC) program office. The activities of the Office of the Ombudsman are addressed in the Departmental Management chapter of the Department of Labor's budget.

Cost Model

The FY 2015 Request for Part B is \$56,406,000, an increase of \$6,637,000 when compared to the FY 2014 Enacted level. The FY 2015 estimate for the indefinite appropriation for Part E is \$74,429,000, which includes an increase of \$7,643,000 when compared to the FY 2014 Enacted level. The request funds on-going support for claimants, including the capacity to meet performance plan goals and objectives as well as deploy document imaging and ICD-10 coding through base funds.

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**Energy Employees Occupational Illness Compensation Program
FY 2015 Budget Request by Budget Activity Total
DEEOIC - \$130,835,000**



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BUDGET AUTHORITY BEFORE THE COMMITTEE				
(Dollars in Thousands)				
	FY 2013 Enacted	FY 2014 Enacted	FY 2015 Request	Diff. FY15 Request / FY14 Enacted
Activity Appropriation	47,805	49,769	56,406	6,637
FTE	264	264	264	0

NOTE: FY 2013 reflects actual FTE. Authorized FTE for FY 2013 was 272.

Introduction

The Division of Energy Employees Occupational Illness Compensation's (DEEOIC) core mission is to adjudicate and pay benefits for claims filed under Part B and Part E of the Energy Employees Occupational Illness Compensation Program Act (EEOICPA). In addition to four District Offices where claims are adjudicated, DEEOIC operates 11 resource centers that provide assistance to claimants in completing benefit applications for both Part B and E of EEOICPA. Part B provides a lump sum payment of \$150,000 and medical benefits to workers who became seriously ill from exposure to beryllium, silica, or radiation while working for the Department of Energy (DOE), its contractors, or subcontractors in the nuclear weapons industry. Part B also provides compensation for some employees' survivors and supplemental lump-sum payments of up to \$50,000 to individuals already eligible for benefits for illnesses covered under Section 5 of the Radiation Exposure Compensation Act (RECA), and, where applicable, their survivors.

Under Part E, the DEEOIC provides compensation to covered DOE contractor employees who are determined under section 3675 to have contracted a covered illness through exposure at a DOE facility. Part E provides compensation benefits to employees based upon the degree of impairment and lost wages. Certain survivors of covered DOE contractor employees also receive compensation if the covered illness contributed to the employee's death. Additionally, uranium workers eligible under Section 5 of the RECA may also receive compensation under Part E for illnesses due to toxic substance exposure at a uranium mine or mill covered under that Act. Benefits are paid from the Compensation Fund for both EEOICPA and RECA benefits.

Five-Year Budget Activity History

<u>Fiscal Year</u>	<u>Funding</u> (Dollars in Thousands)	<u>FTE</u>
2010	\$51,900	305
2011	\$53,778	241
2012	\$52,147	219
2013	\$47,805	272
2014	\$49,769	264

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FY 2015

Total resources at the FY 2015 Request level for the DEEOIC program are \$130,835,000 and 505 FTE. Part B funds are \$56,406,000 and 264 FTE, including \$733,000 and 3 FTE for the Office of the Ombudsman. The request provides an increase of \$6,637,000 (including \$94,000 for the Office of the Ombudsman) when compared to the FY 2014 Enacted level. Part E funds are \$74,429,000 and 241 FTE, including \$933,000 and 2 FTE for the Office of the Ombudsman. The request provides an increase of \$7,643,000 (including \$98,000 for the Office of the Ombudsman) when compared to the FY 2014 Enacted level. This funding level provides for inflationary increases as well as ongoing resources for IT initiatives and program outreach.

At the request level, DEEOIC will improve the provision and management of home health care services, maintain timely adjudication of claims, quality decisions, and prompt benefit delivery and income support to all EEOICPA claimants. The program will direct requested funding to several IT initiatives that build on prior year investments and leverage improvements and functionality available through other OWCP programs to gain performance efficiencies and improvements.

In recent years, the complexity of claims has drastically increased along with the time needed to fully adjudicate them. Many claims are often re-reviewed based on new information, though they are not counted as new claims. For instance, some treatments can lead to new conditions, or a claimant can develop another condition over time, both instances resulting in further adjudication, but no new claims. Special Exposure Cohorts can result in the need for re-review of old claims, but again, these are not counted as new claims. Incoming claims projections also do not reflect the extensive communications and outreach required with the cohort community or the level of correspondence, including FOIA and Congressional inquiries, that the program addresses each year. The improved functionality provided by the IT investments will allow the program to resolve these complex adjudication issues more efficiently and to enhance communication and outreach activities.

Resource Centers and the Site Exposure Matrices (SEM) will remain program priorities in FY 2015. The Resource Center staff provides critical local and front line assistance and quality customer service in this activity. The SEM is an essential tool for claims examiners to assess the relationship of an exposure to a claimant's injuries and illnesses. Adequate funding for SEM is critical to ensure documents that address exposures are reviewed and posted timely. FY 2015 funds will be used to ensure timely review and posting of new documents to update SEM. Additional funds may be necessary in future budgets to comply with the recommendations from the National Institute of Medicine's report on the SEM (including developing an independent advisory panel of experts). As the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH) continues to add new Special Exposure Cohort (SEC) classes, it is paramount that the Resource Center staffing levels remain at the level supported by the FY 2015 request to support Town Hall Meetings for potential claimants and the influx of inquiries about filing claims that occur after the outreach events and the addition of new cohorts. Resource

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Centers also respond to questions and concerns that arise from the public as they utilize the additional on-line information in the SEM.

The Energy Compensation System (ECS) which unifies claims management for Parts B and E became operational in FY 2012. The ECS generates claims processing efficiencies and improves accuracy and timeliness, particularly for claims that require adjudication under both Parts of the Act. As a result, claimants receive a higher level of customer service and the improved program reporting facilitates greater transparency for the public. To enhance these efforts, DEEOIC will use FY 2015 funding to develop an automated reporting mechanism, and update, improve and maintain the system, including software developers to provide additional upgrades and releases every three to four months.

The program will also continue deployment of document imaging and the new ICD-10 coding standard mandated by the Department of Health and Human Services through IT investments. These will build upon program investments by other OWCP components and, therefore, minimize the costs while maximizing the benefits of implementation.

FY 2014

Total resources at the FY 2014 Enacted level for the DEEOIC program are \$116,555,000 and 505 FTE. Part B funds are \$49,769,000 and 264 FTE, including \$639,000 and 3 FTE for the Office of the Ombudsman. Part E funds are \$66,786,000 and 241 FTE, including \$834,000 and 2 FTE for the Office of the Ombudsman.

In FY 2014, DEEOIC will maintain timely adjudication of claims, quality decisions, and prompt benefit delivery. DEEOIC activities are focused on shortening the time it takes to process and pay compensation benefits while at the same time maintain quality and accuracy to ensure that claimants receive the benefits to which they are entitled in a timely manner. In FY 2014, DEEOIC projects that over 24,000 final decisions will be issued under Part B and Part E. DEEOIC implemented two new joint processing timeliness measures with DOE and NIOSH to reduce the overall time to make claims decisions. Specific focus will be placed on the cohort of claims that typically require the longest amount of time to adjudicate – those that require both dose reconstruction and oral hearings. For claims sent for dose reconstruction to NIOSH and not requiring a hearing, DEEOIC has targeted a reduction of an average 10 days per case through FY 2014; for cases sent to NIOSH and also requiring a hearing, DEEOIC projects a reduction in time of 12 percent from an average 550 days in FY 2013 to 485 days in FY 2014.

Management of home health care services is also a key program activity. The program is developing a measure to ensure the appropriateness of prescribed home health care as well as improve fraud detection and fiscal integrity. The program will shift existing resources to focus on this new measure. Such shifts are not expected to negatively impact program performance in other areas.

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Funding will also enable the operation of Resource Centers that provide critical local and front line assistance and quality customer service in this activity and the maintenance of the Site Exposure Matrix (SEM). The SEM is an essential tool for claims examiners to assess the relationship of an exposure to a claimant's injuries and illnesses. Adequate funding to maintain the SEM is critical to ensure documents that address exposures are reviewed and posted timely. FY 2014 funds will be used to ensure timely review and posting of new documents to update SEM. As NIOSH continues to add new Special Exposure Cohort (SEC) classes, it is paramount that the Resource Center staffing levels are sufficient to support Town Hall Meetings for potential claimants and the influx of inquiries about filing claims that occur after the outreach events and the addition of new cohorts. Resource Centers also respond to questions and concerns that arise from the public as they utilize the additional on-line information in the SEM.

The program will direct funding to several IT initiatives that build on prior year investments and leverage improvements and functionality available through other OWCP programs to gain performance efficiencies and improvements. DEEOIC will update, improve and maintain the ECS system, including software developers to provide additional upgrades and releases every three to four months.

The program will also deploy document imaging and ICD-10 coding through IT investments. These investments will build upon program investments by other OWCP components and, therefore, minimize the costs while maximizing the benefits of implementation. In FY 2012, DEEOIC began planning imaging of documents through the OWCP Imaging System (OIS). OIS is the infrastructure that allows programs to store images that may be retrieved via a stand-alone desktop imaging viewer application. Second generation imaging will use a web-based viewer. Imaging of documents will allow for ease of transferring files between offices, reductions in storage of claims files, and easier portability of case files. DEEOIC implementation of OIS will be completed in FY 2014. The ECS system will be modified to accommodate the new ICD-10 coding standard mandated by the Department of Health and Human Services.

FY 2013

Total resources at the FY 2013 Enacted Post-Sequestration level for DEEOIC were \$115,798,000 and 522 FTE. Part B funds were \$47,805,000 and 272 FTE, including \$703,000 and 4 FTE for the Office of the Ombudsman and Part E funds were \$67,993,000 and 250 FTE, including \$917,000 and 4 FTE for the Office of the Ombudsman.

In FY 2013, DEEOIC delivered quality program performance by processing initial claims within 101 days for Part B and Part E. During FY 2013, 97 percent of all final decisions were issued timely. Benefit payments were delivered efficiently and expeditiously. Processing efficiencies extended to claims returned from NIOSH with dose reconstructions, including those for previously adjudicated claims that required re-evaluation based on NIOSH processing updates. DEEOIC achieved its program, operational, and strategic goals during the fiscal year.

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The program set aggressive targets for the new measures that track the average days to process from receipt of a case to final decision, including NIOSH time. In FY 2013, DEEOIC exceeded both targets with a result of 452 days against a target of 550 days when a hearing was held and a result of 320 days against a target of 325 days when a hearing was not held. This supports Strategic Objective 4.1 by providing improved income support through timely delivery of benefits.

DEEOIC coordinated with DOE to verify employment records and enable DOE to process claims timely. A signed Memorandum of Understanding established that employment verification requests will be processed by DOE and returned to DOL within 60 days. The DEEOIC also implemented a cross-agency system of sharing employment information electronically, thereby eliminating time and cost associated with mailing paper documents or CDs.

DEEOIC Site Exposure Matrices (SEM) website is available to the public and provides additional ways to look for information regarding toxic substances used at U.S. Department of Energy nuclear weapons facilities covered under Part E of the EEOICPA. The enhanced SEM website contains more data and allows users to identify interrelationships among DOE buildings, work processes, labor categories, and toxic substances verified as having been onsite and used at DOE sites. In addition to toxic substance information, the SEM website contains information regarding confirmed causal links between certain toxic substance exposures and certain diseases or health effects. The DEEOIC continues to add additional information to the database as research and claimant feedback arises. In addition, the DEEOIC works closely with DOE to publish quarterly updates on the website.

An independent audit of the scientific validity of the SEM database was completed on March 27, 2013, when the National Institute of Medicine (IOM) released its report, *Review of the Department of Labor's Site Exposure Matrix Database*. The report "commends DOL for developing the SEM database to assist claims examiners and claimants to quickly determine the toxic substances to which a claimant may have been exposed during employment at a DOE EEOICPA covered facility and the occupational diseases that are associated with exposure to those substances." The IOM had three major recommendations for improvement to the SEM: use supplemental information sources; improve the structure and function; and establish an expert advisory panel. DEEOIC is researching possible methods to address the recommendations in the report and plans to continue to implement those suggestions throughout FY 2015.

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DETAILED WORKLOAD AND PERFORMANCE					
		FY 2013 Enacted		FY 2014 Enacted	FY 2015 Request
		Target	Result	Target	Target
Energy Employees Occupational Illness Compensation Program Part B					
Strategic Goal 4 - Secure retirement, health, and other employee benefits and, for those not working, provide income security					
Strategic Objective 4.1 - Provide income support when work is impossible or unavailable and facilitate return to work					
Performance Measures					
EE 3	Percentage of Special Exposure Cohort (SEC) recommended decisions issued within 60 days	95.00%	97.00%	95.00%	95.00%
EE 4a	Average number of days between filing date and final decision for cases sent to NIOSH when a hearing is held (Part B and E)	550	452	485	475
EE 4b	Average number of days between filing date and final decision for cases sent to NIOSH when a hearing is not held (Part B and E)	325	320	315	307
EE 5	Percent of telephone inquiries responded to within 1 work day	92.00%	96.00%	93.00%	93.00%
EE 7	Average time (days) to process initial claims (Part B and E)	100	101	100	98
Workload Measures					
EE WL 1	Initial Claims Received	7,267	6,453	5,616	5,500
EE WL 2	Initial Claims Processed	8,787	8,381	7,543	7,400
EE WL 3	Final Decisions Issued	14,529	12,014	10,813	10,600

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DETAILED WORKLOAD AND PERFORMANCE				
	FY 2013 Enacted		FY 2014 Enacted	FY 2015 Request
	Target	Result	Target	Target
EE Payments Issued WL 4	5,689	5,805	5,225	5,100

Legend: (r) Revised (e) Estimate (base) Baseline -- Not Applicable TBD - To Be Determined [p] - Projection

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DETAILED WORKLOAD AND PERFORMANCE					
	FY 2013 Enacted		FY 2014 Enacted	FY 2015 Request	
	Target	Result	Target	Target	
Energy Employees Occupational Illness Compensation Program Part E					
Strategic Goal 4 - Secure retirement, health, and other employee benefits and, for those not working, provide income security					
Strategic Objective 4.1 - Provide income support when work is impossible or unavailable and facilitate return to work					
Workload Measures					
EE WL 5	Initial Claims Received	6,387	4,908	4,852	4,700
EE WL 6	Initial Claims Processed	7,647	6,791	6,112	6,000
EE WL 7	Final Decisions Issued	12,904	14,744	13,700	13,500
EE WL 8	Payments Issued	3,919	4,083	4,012	3,950

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Workload Summary

DDEOIC workload activities provide income support and are focused on shortening the time it takes to provide monetary compensation benefits to which claimants may be entitled. This is accomplished by promptly and accurately processing claims to determine entitlement and deliver benefits. DDEOIC must balance quality and accuracy with production demands to ensure that claimants receive in a timely manner the benefits and services to which they are entitled.

In FY 2013, DDEOIC revised its performance measure involving the processing of initial claims for Part B and Part E. The baseline for this goal, originally established in FY 2007, resulted in initial targets of 238 days for Part B and 293 days for Part E. FY 2012 results for the performance goals were an average of 92 days to process an initial claim under Part B and 104 days to process an initial claim under Part E, cutting the FY 2007 baseline durations by more than one-half. After reviewing the performance through FY 2012, the program decided to combine these measures into one with an FY 2013 target of 100 days. The combined result for FY 2013 was 101 days.

DDEOIC revised the targets in FY 2013 for the joint measures with DOE and NIOSH that will shorten the overall time to make claims decisions and improve program implementation. The performance measures combine Part B and Part E results. DDEOIC will continue to report on these measures in FY 2015. The measures also account for the various actions a case may require, including employment verification, dose reconstruction or oral hearing. These measures provide a more transparent view of the claims process, including time spent in case development outside of DDEOIC.

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BUDGET ACTIVITY BY OBJECT CLASS					
(Dollars in Thousands)					
		FY 2013 Enacted	FY 2014 Enacted	FY 2015 Request	Diff. FY15 Request / FY14 Enacted
11.1	Full-time permanent	22,459	22,025	22,272	247
11.3	Other than full-time permanent	100	0	0	0
11.5	Other personnel compensation	2	112	112	0
11.9	Total personnel compensation	22,561	22,137	22,384	247
12.1	Civilian personnel benefits	6,875	6,724	6,797	73
13.0	Benefits for former personnel	100	25	32	7
21.0	Travel and transportation of persons	158	195	251	56
22.0	Transportation of things	7	5	6	1
23.1	Rental payments to GSA	2,670	2,800	2,892	92
23.2	Rental payments to others	0	0	0	0
23.3	Communications, utilities, and miscellaneous charges	347	350	451	101
24.0	Printing and reproduction	13	40	52	12
25.1	Advisory and assistance services	0	0	0	0
25.2	Other services from non-Federal sources	4,658	4,368	7,994	3,626
25.3	Other goods and services from Federal sources 1/	7,140	10,078	12,220	2,142
25.4	Operation and maintenance of facilities	5	5	5	0
25.5	Research and development contracts	0	0	0	0
25.7	Operation and maintenance of equipment	3,077	2,432	2,487	55
26.0	Supplies and materials	166	170	240	70
31.0	Equipment	28	440	595	155
41.0	Grants, subsidies, and contributions	0	0	0	0
42.0	Insurance claims and indemnities	0	0	0	0
	Total	47,805	49,769	56,406	6,637
	1/Other goods and services from Federal sources				
	Working Capital Fund	4,861	5,353	5,353	0
	DHS Services	251	300	315	15
	Services by DOL Agencies	1,588	2,475	2,475	0
	GSA Services	1	1	1	0
	Services by Other Government Departments	439	1,949	4,076	2,127

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CHANGES IN FY 2015

(Dollars in Thousands)

Activity Changes

Built-In

To Provide For:

Costs of pay adjustments	\$247
Personnel benefits	56
Employee health benefits	17
Moving allowance	0
Federal Employees' Compensation Act (FECA)	0
Benefits for former personnel	0
Travel and transportation of persons	0
Transportation of things	0
Rental payments to GSA	910
Rental payments to others	0
Communications, utilities, and miscellaneous charges	0
Printing and reproduction	0
Advisory and assistance services	0
Other services from non-Federal sources	0
Working Capital Fund	0
Other Federal sources (DHS Charges)	0
Other goods and services from Federal sources	0
Research & Development Contracts	0
Operation and maintenance of facilities	0
Operation and maintenance of equipment	0
Supplies and materials	0
Equipment	0
Grants, subsidies, and contributions	0
Insurance claims and indemnities	0

Built-Ins Subtotal **\$1,230**

Net Program **\$0**

Direct FTE **0**

	Estimate	FTE
Base	\$50,999	264
Program Increase	\$5,407	0
Program Decrease	\$0	0