



Former Worker Medical Screening Program



Office of Worker Screening and Compensation Support



FWP History



- Established following the issuance of the Fiscal Year 1993 Defense Authorization Act (P.L. 102-484), authorizing DOE to:

“...establish and carry out a program for the identification and on-going medical evaluation of...former DOE employees who are subject to significant health risks as a result of the exposure of such employees to hazardous or radioactive substances during such employment...”

- First former worker projects were initiated in 1996.
- Program serves *all* former workers from *all* DOE sites in locations close to their residence.



FWP Background



Mission:

- Identify and notify former workers at risk for occupational disease.
- Offer them free medical screening that can lead to treatment.
- Provide information and assistance about medical follow-up and compensation.
- Use findings to strengthen safety and health protection for current and future workers.



Former Worker Programs



- DOE administers the program and screenings are provided by third-party providers to ensure an objective evaluation of the health of former DOE workers.
- Screenings are provided at clinics in communities near DOE sites.
- Nationwide network of clinics allows services to be provided near most workers' residences.



Former Worker Programs



2 National Programs and 4 Regional Programs

2 Nationwide Programs:

1. National Supplemental Screening Program (NSSP):

- Conducted by Oak Ridge Associated Universities
- Production workers from- *Hanford, Kansas city plant, Pinellas, Rocky Flats, Savannah River Site*
- All workers from *Argonne National Lab, Fermi, Princeton Plasma Physics Laboratory* and also workers from:
 - sites not covered by regional projects
 - regional projects have phased out
 - no longer live near the regional screening clinics

2. Building Trades National Medical Screening Program (BTMed):

- Conducted by CPWR - The Center for Construction Research and Training
- Construction/building trades workers only, from *35 sites*



Former Worker Programs



4 Regional Programs:

1. The University of Texas Health Sciences Center at Tyler

- All workers from *Pantex*

2. Johns Hopkins University Bloomberg School of Public Health

- All workers from *Los Alamos National Lab, Sandia National Lab (NM)*

3. Worker Health Protection Program (WHPP)

- Conducted by Queens College City University of New York
- All workers from *Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory, Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory, Nevada National Security Site, Sandia National Lab(CA)*
- Production workers from *K-25 Gaseous Diffusion Plant, Paducah, Portsmouth, Idaho National Lab, Brookhaven National Lab, Fernald, Oak Ridge National Laboratory, Y-12 National Security Complex, Mound*

4. University of Iowa College of Public Health

- Workers from *Ames, Iowa Army Ammunition Plant*



FWP Projects



Each FWP team focuses on a distinct subset of the former worker population to:

1. Obtain rosters of former employees;
2. Notify workers of the availability of the program through:
 - Direct mailings
 - Union and DOE newsletters
 - TV and newspaper
 - Public meetings
3. Provide medical screening to interested individuals, including re-screen exams every 3 years
 - Customize screening according to individual's work history and likely exposures
4. Refer individuals with suspicious findings for follow-up medical testing
 - and, if applicable, to the Department of Labor-run Energy Employees Occupational Illness Compensation Program (EEOICPA)



Early Lung Cancer Detection Exams



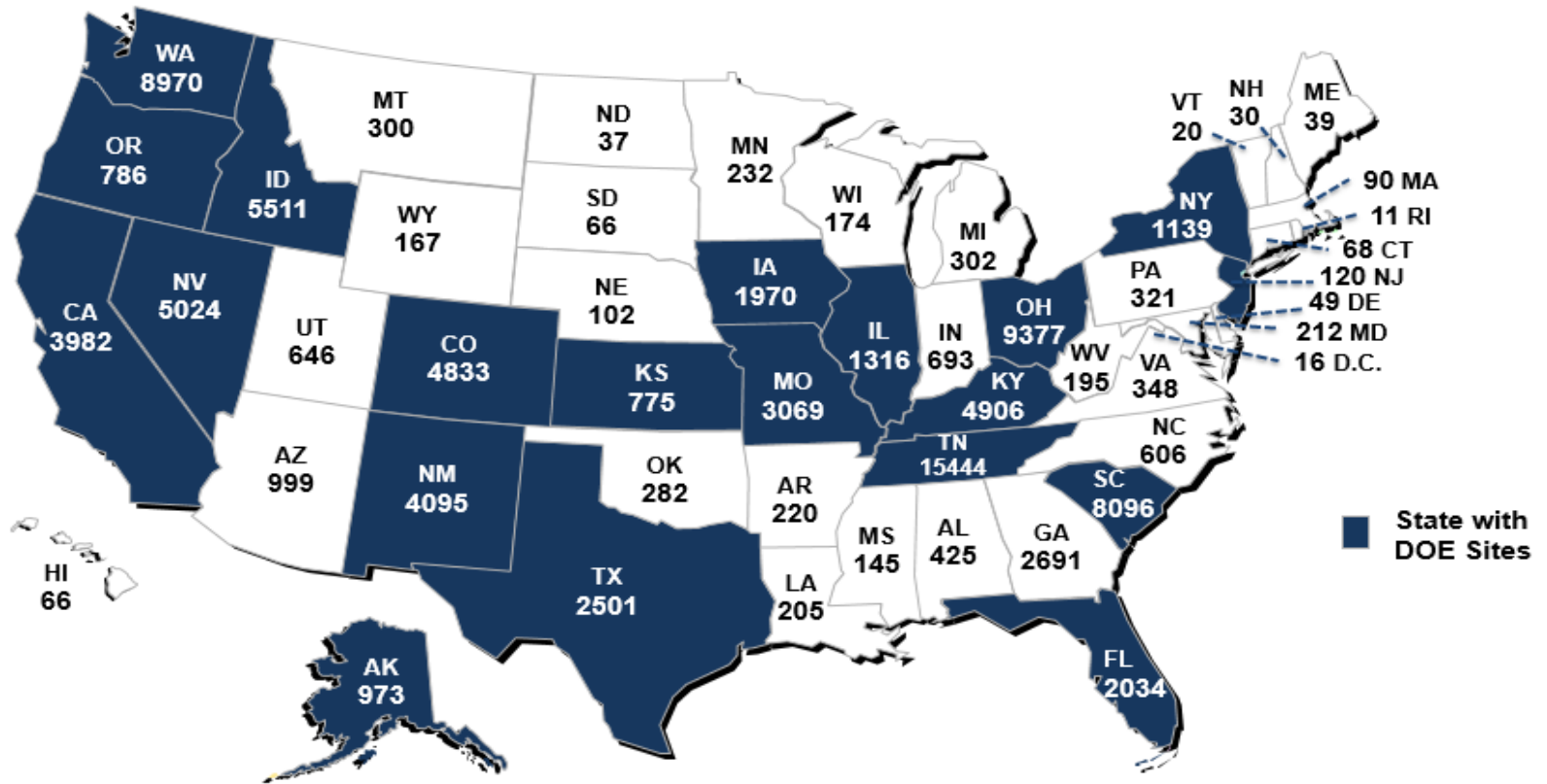
- Since 2000, FWP has offered low-dose CT scans to workers from certain sites who are at high risk for occupational lung cancer
- CT scans currently offered at the following sites:
 - Oak Ridge
 - Portsmouth and Paducah Gaseous Diffusion Plants
 - Former Mound, Fernald, and Rocky Flat Sites
 - Nevada National Security Site (formerly Nevada Test Site)
 - Idaho National Laboratory
 - Hanford
 - Savannah River Site
 - Ames Laboratory
 - Former Iowa Army Ammunition Plant
- The projects currently participating in the ELCD program includes:
 - WHPP
 - BTMed
 - University of Iowa
- Since 2000, the FWP's ELCD program has screened 15,651 eligible participants



FWP Screenings



Participants Screened by State of Residence



As of September 2021, 161,026 medical screenings (96,384 initial exams and 64,642 re-screen exams)



Resources for FWP Information



- FWP website:

<http://energy.gov/ehss/services/worker-health-and-safety/former-worker-medical-screening-program>

- FWP Summary of Services:

<https://www.energy.gov/ehss/downloads/former-worker-program-summary-services>

- FWP 2020 Annual Report:

<https://www.energy.gov/ehss/articles/2020-former-worker-medical-screening-program-annual-report>



Thank you!