

ABTSWH Data/Information Request

Date of Request: (December 23, 2019)

1. **Delineation of Requested Data\information:** As specifically as possible, please explain exactly what specific data or case characteristics the Board is requesting (in order to assure the Program provides accurate and timely information) Please complete one form for each unique data or case request and which Board sub-group will be reviewing the information:

Informational queries to DOL

1. Does DOL have a guide for treating physicians on how to use the SEM?
 2. How many public submissions have been made to the SEM in 2019? What was the outcome for these submissions?
 3. From 2018 to the present, what changes have been made to the SEM regarding exposure-disease links?
 4. How many CMC reports have been issued each month in 2019?
 5. The Board requests an update on the status of re-opened cases, i.e., cases that were re-opened after new or revised presumptions were adopted by the Department.
 6. In DOL RPT 1158, the Top 20 Health Conditions chart provided by the program, how old are the "pending claims"? That is, how many were first opened in 2017, 2018, and 2019?
 7. How is a quality assessment evaluation of the work of the industrial hygienists performed? How will it be done under the new contract?
2. **Statutory Authority:** The Board's scope is defined in Section 3687(b)(1)(A-D) of the EEOICPA. Please identify the statutory mandate(s) the data or cases being requested fulfill (for convenience you can refer to them as Subsection A, Subsection B etc.):

Section 4, item 1: "the site exposure matrices of the Department of Labor"

Section 4, item 2: "medical guidance for claims examiners for claims under this subtitle with respect to the weighing of the medical evidence of claimants"

Section 4, item 4: "the work of industrial hygienists and staff physicians and consulting physicians of the Department and reports of such hygienists and physicians to ensure quality, objectivity, and consistency"

3. **Supporting Rationale:** Please provide an explanation for this information as it relates to the statutory authority identified above:

The statute mandates that the Board assist with the SEM, the assessment of medical evidence and with the utility of industrial and hygiene reports. The information requested will help the Board understand how the Program works and how Board discussion can be helpful to the Department.

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NOTE: all data and case specific information containing claimant personal and health information is protected by the Privacy Act, and any unauthorized release of that information (accidental or otherwise) must immediately be reported to the Designated Federal Official.

4. **Intended Use:** Please advise what the Board is hoping to accomplish or learn from the requested data or cases:

The Board seeks to provide useful advice to the EEOICP, which requires understanding the operation, evolution, and evaluation of components of EEOICP.

DEEOIC requested the Board look at this topic?

DEEOIC has requested assistance with various aspects of the Program.

Steven Markowitz, Chairman, ABTSWH

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