



# Energy Employees Claimant Assistance Project

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Dear Dr. Markowitz,

At the January 10<sup>th</sup> meeting the Presumptions subcommittee asked for input from the advocates on which were the most commonly claimed illnesses. The Office of Worker's Compensation Programs (OWCP) sends a yearly report to congress (<https://www.dol.gov/owcp/AnnualReport.htm>). In that report they do percentages of the most common NON-covered conditions. I tried to get the actual figures the percentages were based on through the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) but was told that DEEOIC no longer had them, although it seems they must generate them yearly. I've included the table from the 2012 report in case it is useful. Unfortunately, OWCP has not published more current reports than 2012 to its website.

Also, I'm including a spreadsheet of information about illnesses claimed from the beginning of the program through July 2015. This was taken from the McClatchy news story, *Irradiated* (<http://media.mcclatchydc.com/static/features/irradiated/>), which was published in December 2015. As part of the online information provided McClatchy reporters put together a database of the over 30,000 claims which had been filed. They obtained this information through numerous FOIA requests with DEEOIC. The enclosed spreadsheet was generated from the data in the online database. As I understand it, the illnesses reported are as the claimants reported them and not necessarily the name used by DEEOIC. There is also no way to tell whether a specific illness was the reason for the approval or denial of the claim. But I thought it might be useful.

Thanks for all the good work you and the other board members are doing. I really appreciate it.

Sincerely,  
Deb Jerison