



WORKERS' SPOTLIGHT

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A NOTE FROM THE DIRECTOR

By Greg Lewis

The New Year is shaping up to be another very active year for the Office of Worker Screening and Compensation Support. There will likely be another 8,000 individuals who come to the former worker program for either an initial or follow up screening exam. The Department of Labor (DOL) and the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH) will probably send us close to 16,000 requests for records on individuals who have applied to the Energy Employees Occupational Illness Compensation Program. We will also have to continue supporting large scale requests for site characterization type records and data.

Regardless of the budgetary uncertainty, we are relying on all of those within the two programs to stay focused on the task at hand, because our current and former workers and their families are counting on it.

Within my office, we work constantly on coming up with project plans, developing policies, and working with the DOE sites and the FWP projects to share best practices, but at the end of the day, it is the staff who implement these programs that really make things happen. This month we are starting a

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NATIONAL SUPPLEMENTAL SCREENING PROGRAM



By Bill Stange

The **National Supplemental Screening Program (NSSP)**, managed by Oak Ridge Associated Universities with a team from National Jewish Health, the University of Colorado Denver Health Sciences Center, Comprehensive Health Services, Inc., and Axion Health, is one of six Department of Energy (DOE)

Former Worker Medical Screening Programs (FWPs). The NSSP, with funding from the DOE's Office of Health, Safety and Security, provides free medical screening examinations on an every three year basis to former DOE workers from eight primary DOE sites including Argonne National Laboratory, Fermi National Accelerator Laboratory, Hanford, Kansas City Plant, Pinellas, Princeton Plasma Physics Laboratory, Rocky Flats, Savannah River Site, and from DOE sites where no DOE FWP has been assigned. The NSSP also accepts referrals (production, construction and building trades) from the other FWPs whose participants may live outside of their respective medical screening coverage areas. NSSP participants are usually able to obtain occupational medical examinations close to their residence. The NSSP has completed more than 12,000 medical screening examinations in all 50 states, Canada, and the Caribbean. The NSSP and the other FWP medical screening examinations are provided under a medical protocol developed by an independent

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GETTING TO KNOW OUR STAFF



Mary Fields has been a member of the team overseeing the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) Former Worker Medical Screening Program (FWP) from 2003 to 2008, and since 2008 has served as the Program Manager. The FWP was mandated by the U.S. Congress as part of Section 3162 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year (FY) 1993 (Public Law 102-484). Since 1996, FWP has provided ongoing medical screening examinations, at no cost, to all interested and eligible former DOE Federal, contractor, and subcontractor workers from all DOE sites. The medical screening exams offered by the FWP are designed to detect work-related health effects from a range of potentially hazardous exposures.

Ms. Fields has over 13 years of experience with a variety of programs at DOE. Prior to joining the team managing the FWP, Ms. Fields served as the point of contact for a program that provided guidance to current beryllium workers regarding the U.S. Department of Labor (DOL)-administered Energy Employees Occupational Illness Compensation Program Act. In this position, Ms. Fields acted as liaison between DOE, DOE site occupational medical directors (SOMDs), current beryllium workers, and DOL staff. Ms. Fields coordinated with DOE, the DOE SOMDs, and environment, safety and health personnel to develop and implement policy and procedures for ensuring that appropriate and timely information was provided to affected individuals and that their transition to the DOL compensation and medical monitoring program was a smooth one.

Ms. Fields has found her years working on the FWP to be extremely rewarding and is pleased to have the opportunity to work with such a caring and dedicated group of professionals.

In her personal time, Ms. Fields enjoys traveling with her husband, reading, and hiking with her 2-year old female German Shepherd, Nyx (named after the Greek goddess of darkness and night). ■

NSSP *cont.*

team of physicians specializing in occupational medicine with a focus on hazardous exposures that may have occurred while working at DOE sites including radiation, asbestos, chemicals, and metals such as beryllium, and cadmium. Former DOE workers who are interested in participating in the NSSP or who have questions about the DOE FWPs are invited to call the NSSP toll free (1-866-812-6703) or to visit the NSSP website (<http://www.orau.org/nssp>).

The NSSP will begin providing pilot testing using low-dose computed tomography (LDCT) scans for the early detection of lung cancer through National Jewish Health (NJH), Denver, Colorado. The NSSP LDCT protocol will be based on the

National Comprehensive Cancer Network's (NCCN) Clinical Practice Guidelines in Oncology for Lung Cancer Screening, with incorporation of elements from existing DOE FWP LDCT screening programs. The LDCT screening will consist of a baseline LDCT and two annual follow-up LDCT scans. The pilot LDCT testing will include 100 participants. By virtue of NJH's geographic proximity to the former Rocky Flats Plant, former workers from this site will likely comprise the majority of the participants in the pilot project, but workers from our other primary sites and FWP referrals who are in the Denver metro area will be equally eligible to participate. ■



WHAT'S GOING ON AROUND THE COMPLEX

LM - The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) Office of Legacy Management (LM) is an integral part of DOE's strategy to ensure that legacy liabilities of former nuclear weapons production sites are properly managed following the completion of environmental cleanup activities. LM is currently responsible for records from more than 90 decommissioned sites with plans to manage records for 126 sites by the year 2020. As sites are identified for mission closure, remediated, and transferred into LM authority, the associated records and information are preserved. Decommissioned sites and programs that LM is responsible for include the Rocky Flats, Mound, Fernald, and Pinellas sites and the Uranium Mill Tailings Remedial Action (UMTRA) Program, the Formerly Utilized Sites Remedial Action Program (FUSRAP), and the Yucca Mountain Project. Recently, LM enhanced its records preservation and information management capabilities by consolidating operations in the new LM Business Center (LMBC).

The LMBC, located in Morgantown, West Virginia, is a 59,000 square foot facility that houses 95 Federal and contractor personnel supporting LM. The facility contains a 31,000 square foot National Archives and Records Administration (NARA)-certified climate-controlled records storage warehouse with the capacity to house up to 150,000 cubic feet of physical records. The LMBC holds two Gold certifications from the U.S. Green Building Council's Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) program in both Core & Shell and Commercial Interiors categories. In 2010, LM completed the migration of a significant portion of its inactive record holdings to the LMBC and works in partnership with NARA to store additional inactive records at Federal Records Centers around the country.



LMBC, Morgantown, WV

Consolidation of record holdings has increased LM's ability to respond to Energy Employees Occupational Illness Compensation Program Act (EEOICPA) and other stakeholder requests for information. In fiscal year 2012, LM responded to over 1,600 records requests including more than 1,000 EEOICPA requests.

In addition to responding to EEOICPA requests, LM supports the U.S. Department of Labor and the National Institute for Occupational Safety and

Health to provide records for site exposure matrices and special exposure cohort petitions. To enhance records retrieval from inherited site and program record collections, LM has undertaken projects to promote greater efficiencies such as records reindexing and conversion from hard copy records to electronic images. LM also uses an electronic recordkeeping system to locate and retrieve records. One of LM's program goals is to *"Preserve, Protect, and Share Records and Information"* and LM will continue to support this goal.

The LMBC currently has space available for storage of records from other DOE organizations. For more information, please contact John Montgomery at john.montgomery@lm.doe.gov or (304) 413-0816. ■



TRIVIA QUESTION

Approximately how many records boxes (standard hard copy record box = 1 cubic foot), in total, does LM maintain at both their Morgantown and Grand Junction Locations?

- 52,000 cubic feet
- 92,000 cubic feet
- 112,000 cubic feet
- 152,000 cubic feet

Calendar of Events



February

- 5 8:00 am FWP Mound Event
Retiree Breakfast
Bob Evans Restaurant, 220 Byers Road, Miamisburg, OH
- 9:00 am Local Event
X-10 Plant and Equipment Meeting
Shoney's, 1100 US 321, Lenoir City, TN
- 10:00 am FWP Y-12 Event
Retiree Meeting
Shoney's, 204 South Illinois Avenue, Oak Ridge TN
- 6 7:15 am FWP X-10 Event
Retiree Meeting
Shoney's, 1100 US 321, Lenoir City, TN
- 9:00 am Local Event
Y-12 Inspector Group Meeting
Shoney's, 1100 US 321, Oak Ridge, TN
- 11:00 am Local Event
Y-12 Guards Meeting
Shoney's, 1100 US 321, Oak Ridge, TN
- 4:30 pm FWP X-10 and Y-12 Event
ATLC Council Meeting
ATLC Union Hall, 109 Viking Road, Oak Ridge, TN
- 7 9:00 am FWP X-10 and Y-12 Event
Asbestos Retirees Meeting
3739 West US Highway 9, Lake City, TN
- 6:00 pm FWP K-25 Event
AGRE Meeting
USW Union Hall, 133 Raleigh Road, Oak Ridge, TN
- 12 11:00 am FWP Fernald Event
Retiree Meeting
Fernald Nature Preserve, 10995 Hamilton Cleves Hwy, Harrison, OH
- 14 11:30 am FWP Mound Event
Retiree Luncheon
Golden Corral, 8870 Kingsridge Drive, Miamisburg, OH
- 9:00 am Local Event
X-10 Guards Meeting
Shoney's, 204 South Illinois Avenue, Oak Ridge, TN

For a complete list of calendar events, visit:
http://www.hss.doe.gov/healthsafety/FWSP/Formerworkermed/events_calendars.html

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new feature in the newsletter to highlight some of the staff who work behind the scenes (and sometimes front and center) to make the programs work. Mary Fields has graciously volunteered to be the first staff highlight (see page 2). Mary is a headquarters employee for HSS, but we also plan to highlight staff throughout the country at the various FWP and DOE sites. We hope this segment will help our readers get a better sense of the people that are working tirelessly to fulfill our responsibilities to the workers. ■

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