



WORKERS' SPOTLIGHT

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A NOTE FROM THE DIRECTOR

By Greg Lewis

The late summer and early fall have been an extremely busy time for AU-14, filled with a number of events and projects. In August, we attended Joint Outreach Task Group (JOTG) events in Spokane and Richland, WA, as well as an annual meeting of the University of Iowa Former Worker Program. In September, we attended the

annual meeting of the Building Trades National Medical Screening Program and closed the books on the end of the 2014 fiscal year for the Energy Employees Occupational Illness Compensation Program Act (EEOICPA) Program. In October, we attended a JOTG meeting in Paducah, KY, a meeting of the Department of Energy (DOE) Site Occupational

Medical Directors in Idaho Falls, ID, and co-sponsored a National Day of Remembrance event at the National Atomic Testing Museum in Las Vegas, NV.

We have also been making progress on a number of long-term projects and ongoing responsibilities, like making enhancements to our Secure Electronic Records Transfer (SERT) system, streamlining

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REMEMBRANCE QUILT

From September 2-19, the Office of Environment, Health, Safety and Security (AU) and the Deputy Under Secretary for Management and Performance sponsored the display of the National Day of Remembrance Quilt in the DOE Forrestal cafeteria.

The Quilt was loaned to DOE by the Cold War Patriots, a nonprofit organization that advocates for nuclear weapons workers. The Quilt measures 11 feet tall and 17 feet wide and is made up of 1,040 handwritten squares containing names, DOE locations, and years of service of individuals who worked in the nuclear weapons complex.

Many of the individuals on this Quilt devoted over 30 years to

DOE service, and all of these workers made a valuable contribution. The work conducted by the Atomic Energy Commission, and later DOE, included an estimated 600,000 workers and over 300

facilities throughout the years; and as we continue to fulfill the Department's mission, it is important to recognize our predecessors and the impact they made to this country.



Pictured in front of the quilt from left to right are: Mr. Stephen Kirchhoff, Deputy Associate Under Secretary for Environment, Health, Safety and Security, Mr. Greg Lewis, Director, Office of Worker Screening and Compensation Support, Mr. David Klaus, Deputy Under Secretary for Management and Performance, Mr. Matthew Moury, Associate Under Secretary for Environment, Health, Safety and Security, and Dr. Patricia Worthington, Director, Office of Health and Safety.

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NATIONAL DAY OF REMEMBRANCE

On July 9, 2014, the U.S. Senate announced the passage of S. Res. 417, a Senate resolution designating October 30, 2014, as a National Day of Remembrance (NDR) for Nuclear Weapons Program Workers.

This year will mark the 6th anniversary of the NDR, honoring the thousands of men and women who tirelessly served our country by building and maintaining our nuclear weapons complex during World War II, the Cold War, and through the present day.

On October 31, current and former workers and their friends and families came together at the National Atomic Testing Museum in Las Vegas, NV, to celebrate the occasion. There were a number of speakers at the event, including David Klaus, DOE Deputy Under Secretary for Management and Performance; Glenn Podonsky, Director, Office of Enterprise Assessments; U.S. Representatives Dina Titus and Joe Heck; Allan Palmer, Executive Director, National Atomic Testing Museum; Stavros Anthony, Mayor Pro Tem of the City of Las Vegas; Bob Beers, Las Vegas City Council, and Kevin Fitzgerald of the Cold War Patriots. The event closed with a specially prepared video produced by the DOE Office of Enterprise Assessments to honor the workers' accomplishments. Over 200 individuals attended the event.

The nuclear weapons workers came to work day after day, putting in long hours at a potentially hazardous job, in order to help keep this country safe. Many workers toiled in secrecy, often unable to tell their friends and loved ones what they were doing. There was tremendous pressure to produce and to keep pace in the arms race. The work of these men and women resulted in astounding innovation and technological progress for weapons programs, as well as domestic applications, such as computing, nuclear medicine, and many others.

Today, the men and women of our nuclear security enterprise continue this proud tradition. These dedicated public servants are maintaining a safe, secure, and effective nuclear deterrent, reducing nuclear dangers around the world, and pushing the boundaries of science and technology to deliver new solutions to national challenges.

This National Day of Remembrance allowed us the opportunity to reflect on the significant contributions of our nuclear security workers, both past and present, and to thank them for their service. ■

JOTG MEETING IN PADUCAH

By Moriah Ferullo

In October 2014, the JOTG held two Town Hall meetings for current and former Paducah Gaseous Diffusion Plant workers at the Robert Cherry Civic Center in Paducah, KY. Representatives from DOE, the Department of Labor (DOL), the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health, the DOL Ombudsman, the Queens College Worker Health Protection Program, and the Building Trades National Medical Screening Program [both part of DOE's Former Worker Medical Screening Program (FWP)] each gave presentations. The DOL's Traveling Resource Center was also available to assist individuals with filing claims under EEOICPA and to provide claim status updates to current claimants.



The meetings were well attended, and there were plenty of questions for each of the presenters. The Town Hall meetings in Paducah bring the total number of meetings for 2014 to ten; the JOTG also held meetings in Denver, CO; Pahump, NV; Las Vegas, NV; Richland, WA; and Spokane, WA.

The JOTG outreach events in Paducah are a continuation of an initiative started in 2009 that brings together Federal Agencies and affiliated programs that provide services to

nuclear weapons facility workers. Representatives from the participating Federal Agencies and related programs travel to the various communities at the DOE active sites, as well as the closure sites, to discuss the services available to them under the FWP and EEOICP. Since 2009, the JOTG held a total of 51 Town Hall Meetings/Outreach Events at 27 different locations within the DOE complex.

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DIRECTOR'S NOTE *cont.*

our EEOICPA document review process, getting the EEOICPA funding distributed for the new fiscal year, and supporting multiple National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health research visits to DOE sites.

The JOTG is currently finalizing its outreach schedule for next year. Information about these upcoming events will be posted in the calendar section of the newsletter. In February 2015, the JOTG is scheduled to go to Carlsbad, NM, to meet with workers at the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant.

As a final note as we head into the holiday season, I would like to give a heartfelt thanks to all of the field staff within the Former Worker and the EEOICPA programs who are working to support our current and former workers. They do a great job, their work is important, and they make a difference every day. ■

UNIVERSITY OF IOWA RECOGNITION

EVENTS

By Mary Fields

On August 14, 2014, The University of Iowa-conducted Former Worker Medical Screening Program (FWP) hosted its annual recognition event for Iowa Army Ammunition Plant (IAAP) Line 1 former workers. The event was held at the Memorial Auditorium in Burlington, IA. Senator Tom Harkin was the special invited guest as a part of his Legacy Tour for stepping down from office after 10 years in the U.S. House of Representatives and the last 30 years in the U.S. Senate. Senator Harkin was integral in starting the FWP medical screenings for the Line 1/IAAP former workers in 2000, which was precipitated by a letter sent to Senator Harkin from a former Line 1 guard, Robert Anderson. Also in attendance was Mr. Matt Moury, DOE Associate Under Secretary for the Office of Environment, Health, Safety and Security; Dr. Patricia Worthington, DOE Director, Office of Health and Safety; and Ms. Mary Fields, DOE FWP Program Manager. Speakers at the event included Dr. Lar Fuortes, Principal Investigator for the Iowa FWP, Senator Harkin, Mr. Anderson, and Mr. Moury. The event was well attended; approximately 200 workers and their family members enjoyed a time of reunion and remembrance.

The Iowa FWP held a similar event for former Ames Laboratory workers in Ames, IA, on September 5, at the Reiman Botanical Gardens. Approximately 130 former workers attended, the largest gathering they have had with the Ames group. Also attending this event was the DOL Ombudsman for the Energy Employees Occupational

Illness Compensation Program, Mr. Malcolm Nelson; Ms. Janele Horner from DOL's Denver Resource Center; Dr. Margaret Evans, Ames Site Occupational Medical Director; and the Ames Lab Director of Health and Safety, Mr. Tom Wessels. ■

THE QUILT *cont.*

The Quilt was originally created to be displayed at a celebration for the National Day of Remembrance, which honors the dedicated men and women who were part of the nuclear weapons complex. Since 2009, the National Day of Remembrance has been recognized with a resolution by the U.S. Congress and celebrated on October 30. This year, the Deputy Under Secretary for Management and Performance and AU participated and co-sponsored a National Day of Remembrance event on October 31 at the National Atomic Testing Museum in Las Vegas, NV. ■

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If you are interested in attending a meeting or would like to know what other outreach events/activities are happening in your area, we encourage you to take a look at the calendar section of our newsletter. The calendar is also available on the DOE Office of Environment, Health, Safety and Security Web site at: <http://energy.gov/ehss/downloads/joint-outreach-task-group-jotg-upcoming-events>. ■



TRIVIA QUESTION

November 9, 2014, marked the 25th anniversary of the fall of the Berlin Wall. In 1961, roughly how long did it take to establish the original version of the wall?

- a) 3 days
- b) 1 week
- c) 3 weeks
- d) 2 months



Second Anniversary of Secure Electronic Records Transfer (SERT) System.

October 15, 2014, marked the 2-year anniversary of the SERT System. SERT provides over 400 users from the Departments of Energy (DOE) and Labor (DOL) and the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH) with the ability to securely and efficiently exchange records and information in support of the Energy Employees Occupational Illness Compensation Program Act (EEOICPA). In addition to effectively securing large volumes of Personally Identifiable Information, the system helped to reduce the timeframe to complete EEOICPA claims process and improved transparency between DOE, DOL, and NIOSH.

As the host of the SERT system, the Office of Environment, Health, Safety and Security is proud of the positive impact SERT had on the EEOICPA. As of October 15, 2014 DOE sent 30,882 responses to DOL and NIOSH for the 9,651 individual claims in the SERT system.

Calendar of Events

December



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| 11 | 11:00 am | Local Event
X-10 Guards Retiree Meeting
Shoney's, 1100 U.S. 321, Oak Ridge, TN |
| 16 | 12:00 pm | Local Event
X-10/Y-12 Machinists Local 480 Retiree Meeting
Local 480 Hall, Oak Ridge, TN |
| | 5:00 pm | Local Event
Y-12
Gage Lab, Gondolier, Oak Ridge, TN |
| 18 | 11:30 am | FWP
Mound Retiree Luncheon
Golden Corral, 8870 Kingsridge Drive, Miamisburg, OH |

For a complete list of calendar events, visit:
<http://energy.gov/ehss/downloads/joint-outreach-task-group-jotg-upcoming-events>



AU-10 and AU-14 Directors and staff in front of the Remembrance Quilt at the DOE Forrestal cafeteria

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