

Former Worker Communications

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A public meeting to communicate information regarding potential past exposure to beryllium was held in 2011

Former Worker Medical Screening Program (FWP) Outreach

Local outreach – flyers in grocery stores, veterans centers, assisted living – presentations as requested – by RL staff and by BT staff

Information about program provided at exit interviews with prime contractors and exit medical examinations

Information regarding CBDPP implementation is available to former workers via the external Hanford website and the Beryllium Awareness Group

Former Worker Medical Screening Program (FWP)

Former Worker Medical Screening Program (FWP) is managed from DOE-HQ Office of Worker Screening and Compensation Support, HS-14 (Director Greg Lewis, Program Manager Mary Fields)

- Provides medical screening exams for former Federal, contractor, subcontractor employees
- Program administered using independent occupational health experts from universities, labor unions, and commercial organizations

Former Worker Medical Screening Program (FWP) – Cont'd

- Specifically designed to check for adverse health outcomes related to potentially hazardous exposures, including radiation, beryllium, asbestos, lasers, silica, lead, cadmium, chromium, solvents, noise, etc.
- Components of exams based on individual's work and exposure history
- May include physical exam, chest x-ray, breathing test, hearing exam, basic blood work, urinalysis, as well as specialized blood and urine tests for certain at-risk individuals

Former Worker Medical Screening Program (FWP) – Cont'd

Two national projects cover Hanford former workers:

- National Supplemental Screening Program (NSSP) – Oak Ridge Associated Universities, National Jewish Health, Comprehensive Health Services, Axion Health, and University of Colorado
- Building Trades National Medical Screening Program – CPWR - The Center for Construction Research and Training, University of Cincinnati Medical Center, Duke University Medical Center and Zenith American Solutions, Inc.

Exams conducted in every state (some international) – close proximity to residence

Former Worker Medical Screening Program (FWP) – Cont'd

- Program managed and funded independent from Hanford
- Primary role is for Hanford to provide roster data – employee lists – etc. to allow for outreach
- FY 2012 - Hanford provided significant amount of roster data to the projects – largest in the Complex

Former Worker Outreach and Medical Screening

Outreach – direct mail to former worker informing them of the program and contact information
– since 1996 reached out to **107,806 former Hanford employees**

From Oct 1, 2012 – March 31, 2013 – **30,565** (28% of total)

Results

Screenings completed since 1998	9,225
Screenings completed in FY 11	145
Screenings completed in FY 12	464
Screening completed to date in FY 13	375
BeLPT Tests done in total	7,415
BeLPT Tests with other than normal result	220
BeLPT Tests with other than normal result since 10/12	5

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Partnerships for Innovation



Fall 2012

An Invitation to Participate in the National Supplemental Screening Program for Former Hanford Employees

The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) is offering medical examinations to former workers as a part of the National Supplemental Screening Program (NSSP). We are writing to let you know that because of your work at Hanford, you are eligible for this program. The NSSP provides interested former workers with targeted medical testing to screen for adverse health effects potentially related to their work in DOE operations. There is no cost to you for the examination.

Oak Ridge Associated Universities (ORAU) in cooperation with their partners will be scheduling former workers for the medical examinations at clinics near their homes. The results will be analyzed and a written report sent to you by our team of leading occupational medicine professionals. Recommendations for follow-up and resources for compensation, if appropriate, will be provided. All results from the medical testing will be provided to the worker and, if requested, to their personal physician. All results will be confidential, with the release of information only to those designated and as required by law.

If you would like to participate in this program, please call us at **1-866-812-6703 toll free**. We can complete the enrollment survey on the phone. We will ask you a few questions regarding your employment history and some basic questions concerning your health history. The enrollment survey will assist us in determining the appropriate screening tests based on your potential occupational exposures while working with DOE.

You may also go to www.ornl.gov/nssp to begin the enrollment process and to find out more about the program.

This program is open to former Hanford production area workers including all administrative and technical positions. If you were a construction or building trades worker, a similar program is available to you. Please call the Building Trades Medical Screening Program at 1-800-866-9663. If you are currently working at a DOE site, your employer is responsible for medical testing.

Sincerely,

Donna L. Cragle, Ph.D.
Vice President and Director,
Occupational Exposure and Worker Health

To enroll **1-866-812-6703** or go to www.ornl.gov/nssp

Did you work at the Department of Energy's Hanford Site?

You may be eligible for a
FREE MEDICAL SCREENING EXAM
to see if your health has been affected.

Don't delay, call now.
509-783-6830 or 1-800-866-9663
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