

How It All Began

- Ever since physicist Enrico Fermi discovered the potential of nuclear fission in 1934, scientists and supporters have worked diligently to understand and harness that power
- Illustrating the muscle and potential of this new technology, the United States carried out its first test of a nuclear bomb in the New Mexico desert in July of 1945.
- As soon as World War II was over and the Cold War began, National Laboratories were founded that advanced the technologies of war.
- During the Cold War these Department of Energy Labs would pioneer cutting edge physics, chemistry and other scientific fields.
- Now, over 80 years later, our nuclear program has produced many scientific advances thanks to the
 persistence of a generation employees and subcontractors of the Department of Energy.



Like any Discovery, We Learn as We Grow • Unfortunately, these workers were neither adequately protected from, nor informed of, the occupational hazards to which they were exposed. • Thousands of these courageous Americans developed disabling or fatal illnesses as a result of exposure to beryllium, ionizing radiation, and other hazards unique to nuclear weapons production and testing. • In 2000, President Bill Clinton signed into law the Energy Employees Occupational Illness Compensation Program Act (EEOICPA) which was designed to compensate individuals—Both financially and medically—who worked in nuclear weapons production and as a result of occupational exposures contracted certain illnesses.



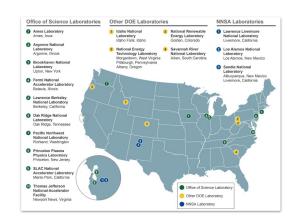


ENERGY in **E**EOICPA

→ ENERGY

<u>Department of Energy Nuclear Facilities</u> its predecessor agencies, and its contractors and subcontractors involved in nuclear weapons production and testing programs

- 17 Major Laboratories
- Over 300 Covered Facilities
- NOT a Nuclear Power Site





EMPLOYEES in EEOICPA

→ EMPLOYEES

Anyone who worked AT a DOE nuclear facility.

- Any job title (Predominantly those who worked over 250 days)
- DOE, federal, contractor, and subcontractor employees
- They would usually have had a security clearance to work



OCCUPATIONAL in EEOICPA

→ OCCUPATIONAL

The patient's illness was "As Least as Likely as Not" caused by an Occupational Exposure at a DOE covered facility.

- Employee illness should be linked to exposure to
 - Radiation
 - Chemicals
 - Heavy metals
 - Fumes
 - · Asbestos, Silicas
 - And/Or other occupational exposures



ILLNESS in EEOICPA

→ ILLNESS

Any illness that can be caused from an exposure at a Department of Energy Nuclear Site.

- Illness must have causation from an exposure at the work site
- This is an Illness program, not an Injury program.
 - Illnesses are things such as COPD, Parkinsonisms, Neuropathy, Chronic Kidney Disease etc.
 - Injuries are: Broken Legs, Burns, etc.



COMPENSATION in EEOICPA

→ COMPENSATION

There is Financial AND Medical Compensation available

Part B of the Act Offers:

- Compensation of \$150,000
- And payment of medical expenses for Approved Radiation Induced Cancer Diagnosis

Part E of the Act Offers:

- Variable compensation up to \$250,000 based on impairment
- And payment of **medical expenses** for patients who develop an illness due to exposure to toxic substances (chemicals, fumes, heavy metals etc.)



PROGRAM & ACT in EEOICPA

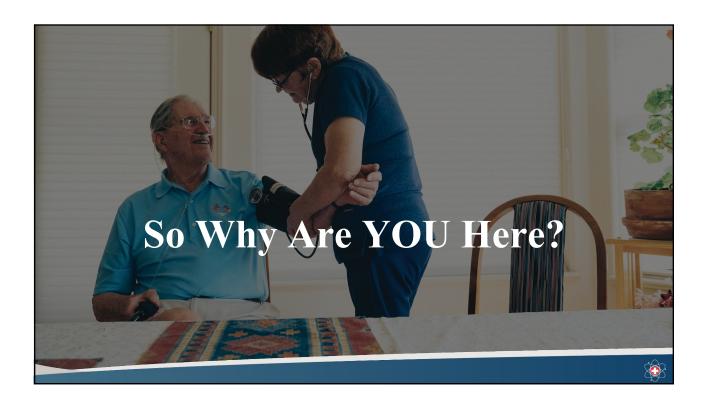
→ PROGRAM

The EEOICPA is a program of the Department of Energy but is **run by** the Department of Labor (DOL)

→ ACT

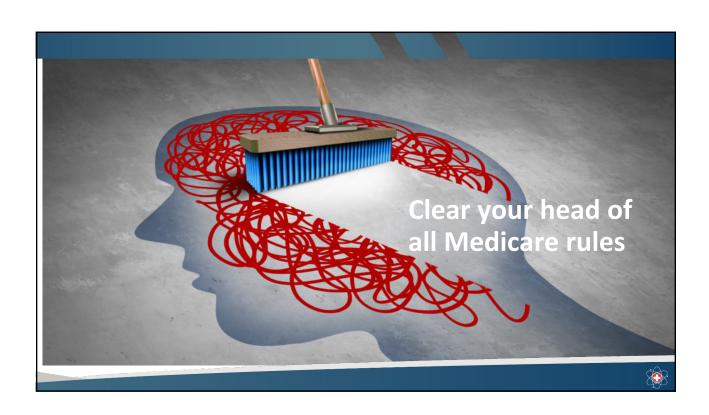
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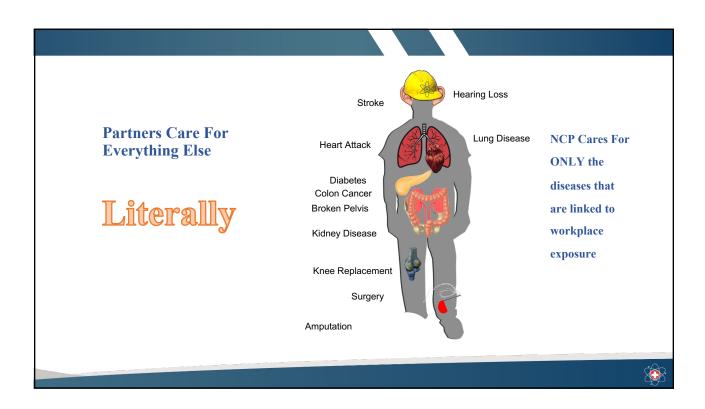




Common Illnesses From Nuclear Sites

- ✓ Cancers
 - ✓ 24 Primary Cancers from Radiation
- ✓ Lung Diseases
- ✓ Neuropathy
- ✓ Leukemia
- ✓ Kidney Issues and Renal Failure
- ✓ Parkinsonisms
- ✓ Dementia

And Many More Illnesses
that can be caused or
exacerbated by
Radiation, Fumes, Heavy
Metals,, Chemicals, Asbestos,
etc. used in the production,
storage, and destruction of
America's Nuclear Weapons.





Medical Benefits Identification Card

JOHN DOE

MISUSE OF CARD PUNISHABLE BY LAW

The DOL is considered the first payer for ANYTHING related to an approved condition.

 US Department of Labor
 Office of Workers' Compensation Programs
 Division of Energy Employees Occupational Illness Compensation

For Example...

Your patient has a DOL

Card ID Number: 000123456789 Pharmacy BIN: 87654321 DEEOIC Group ID #: OWCP1222

The DOL provider, such and Medicare is Seconda

with COPD or anything that will exacerbate his COPD.

Medicare Secondary Payer (MSP) is a term used when another entity has the responsibility for paying before Medicare, so the Medicare

nosis of COPD

responsibility.

The MSP provisions protect Medicare Funds by ensuring that Medicare does not pay for items and services that certain health insurance or coverage is primarily responsible for paying first.

program does not have primary payment



Minimizing Risk

Plan of Care Coordination

We can help coordinate the plan of care for your patients and help them be compliant with your care plan so there's an enhancement of care, rather than a duplication of services.

Assistance with Medication Management

Our care teams can help manage and administer the medications or treatments you order for your patients at the times you are not in the home.



Maximizing Care

Increased Visits

Our care teams can enhance your patients' care by providing an increased number of care visits each week paired with your staff's existing schedule.

DME

Through the EEOICPA, your patient has access to DME that might not normally be covered by Medicare.



