

OFFICE OF HEALTH

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Mission

Develop, manage and directs programs that provide comprehensive and effective policy for protecting the safety and health of workers at Department of Energy (DOE) facilities and the communities surrounding those facilities.

Functions

1. Conducts or participates in studies to determine worker and public health effects from exposures to hazardous materials. Utilizes the results of the studies to improve DOE workers protection policy.
2. Develops, manages and directs programs that provide comprehensive and effective safety and health policy and directives for protecting the safety and health of workers at DOE facilities.
3. Establishes the Department's performance expectations for occupational medicine programs through the publication of policy and directives.
4. Evaluates the effectiveness of DOE safety and health policies and makes changes as appropriate.

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OFFICE OF HEALTH STUDIES

Mission

Conduct or participate in studies to determine worker and public health effects from exposures to hazardous materials to utilize the information in the development and updating of Department of Energy (DOE) worker protection policy.

Functions

5. Manages and supports the conduct of analytic epidemiologic studies and other health studies by external organizations, through formal arrangements, to assess the health implications of exposures to hazardous materials found in the DOE workplace.
6. Manages and conducts descriptive epidemiologic studies to assess the health implications of exposures to hazardous materials for workers within the DOE complex.
7. Develops and maintains an epidemiologic studies plan that includes DOE and site profiles, using in part the results of analytic and descriptive epidemiologic studies to determine the need for the conduct of future epidemiologic studies.
8. Provides input to worker protection policy and occupational health programs on opportunities to enhance existing worker protection based upon epidemiologic studies.
9. Conducts and manages focused medical monitoring programs on specific hazards of interest to DOE for the protection of workers to provide a greater understanding of the health effects associated with worker or public exposure to that hazard.
10. Develops and maintains registries for DOE workers to track their well being and document the progression of health effects associated with exposures to specific hazardous materials of particular interest to DOE.
11. Manages the conduct of international programs and studies that provide support to populations and governments affected by U. S. nuclear weapons testing program or accidents and operations involving radiological materials. This program currently includes:
 - a. Radiation Effects Research Foundation.
 - b. Marshall Islands Program.
 - c. Project Indalo with the Spanish Government.
 - d. Chernobyl accident follow-up and programs in cooperation with the Former Soviet Union, Ukraine and Belarus.
 - e. Cooperative health research and studies under a bi-national agreement with the Russian Federation Joint Coordinating Committee for Radiation Effects Research to evaluate long term effects on workers and populations from prior Russian production

sites.

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OFFICE OF WORKER PROTECTION POLICY AND PROGRAMS

Mission

Develop comprehensive and effective safety and health policy and directives for protecting the safety and health of workers at the Department of Energy (DOE) facilities.

Functions

12. Develops, maintains and publishes Departmental policy and directives relating to the safety and health of workers as appropriate to address DOE specific workplace hazards, and regulations for worker safety and health (Part 835, 850, 851).
13. Actively engages with national and international standards setting bodies to maintain current knowledge on the scientific basis used by these bodies in developing their standards and revise DOE policy and directives accordingly.
14. Proactively searches the literature and studies concerning the health effects associated with DOE workplace hazards, determine their implications to existing DOE policies and directives and revise the policies as necessary to keep DOE worker safety and health policy and directives current.
15. Maintains relationships with appropriate offices in DOE to assure that the policy and directives are incorporated in contracts, as appropriate to the hazards present, to assure that the policy and directives are in fact implemented and result in enhanced DOE worker safety and health.
16. Teams with line management and contractor organizations to take actions that promote and result in the efficient and cost effective implementation of the policy and directives to again result in enhanced DOE worker safety and health.
17. Manages and conducts the Federal Employee Occupational Safety and Health (FEOSH) Program for the protection of Federal employees of the Office of Environment, Safety and Health, and promotes the implementation of FEOSH programs in other offices at DOE Headquarters.
18. Coordinates with Occupational Safety and Health Administration in DOL on policies and procedures; be responsible for filing and updating of list of DOE facilities with OSHA to which DOE will not exercise its occupational safety and health regulatory authority.

19. Reviews OSHA regulations and policies and determine their implication to existing DOE policies, directives and regulations.

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OFFICE OF OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH

Mission

Establish the Department of Energy's (DOE) performance expectations for occupational medicine programs through the publication of policy and directives.

Functions

20. Develops, maintains and publishes performance expectations through Departmental policy and directives for the establishment and operation of preventative occupational medicine programs, including worker fitness for duty and the human reliability programs, across the Department.
21. Maintains relationships with appropriate offices in DOE to assure that the policy and directives are incorporated in contracts, as appropriate to the hazards present, to assure that the policy and directives are in fact implemented and result in enhanced DOE worker safety and health.
22. Teams with line management and contractor organizations to take actions that promote and result in the efficient and cost effective implementation of the policy and directives to again result in enhanced DOE worker safety and health.
23. Provides leadership to and active dialogue with the occupational medicine physicians across the Department to assure continuous improvement in preventative occupational medicine programs.
24. Creates and disseminates public health information to allow workers to better and actively manage their exposure to hazardous materials in DOE and manages a program to communicate health effects information and the results of studies to all interested stakeholders within and outside DOE.
25. Proactively searches the literature and studies concerning the health effects associated with DOE workplace hazards, determine their implications to existing DOE policies and directives in occupational medicine and revise the policies as necessary to keep DOE occupational medicine policy and directives current.