

A health screening program for DOE former workers

# Are you a DOE former worker?

If so, you may be eligible for a **Free Medical Screening Exam** to test for health conditions that may be work-related.

#### For more information:

### Call toll-free **1-866-812-6703** or visit the NSSP online at **www.orau.org/NSSP**

"Had I not had the screening done, I may have waited too long to go to a doctor and I would not be in remission today. Thank you for this program."

- NSSP Participant, Savannah River Site

"I very much appreciate the smooth and thorough examination, which included tests that are not done by my medical provider. Keep it up!"

- NSSP Participant, Kansas City Plant

#### What is the National Supplemental Screening Program (NSSP)?

The NSSP is part of the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) Former Worker Medical Screening Program (FWP). The NSSP offers medical screenings at no charge to former DOE employees, contractors, and subcontractors who worked at DOE sites and may have been exposed to hazardous substances at work.

The NSSP screening exam is designed to identify occupational illnesses, such as chronic respiratory diseases, noise-induced hearing loss, kidney disease, liver disease, and some forms of cancer. Participants may receive a rescreening exam every 3 years. Participation is your choice.



#### Who is eligible for the NSSP?

Former DOE employees, contractors, and subcontractors who worked at one of the following facilities qualify for the NSSP: Kansas City Plant\*

Pinellas Plant\*

- Argonne National Laboratory (East)
- Fermi National Accelerator Laboratory
- Princeton Plasma Physics Laboratory
- Hanford\*

Savannah River Site\*

Rocky Flats Plant\*

\* If you were a construction worker at one of these sites, call 1-800-866-9663 for screening.

DOE former workers not served by a regional project are also screened through the NSSP. Don't see your former work site listed? You may still be eligible. Contact the NSSP to discuss your eligibility and to enroll.

#### How does the NSSP work?

To enroll in the NSSP, you will be asked to complete a health and exposure history questionnaire and an interview to determine the components of your exam. The NSSP operates in all 50 states. Your exam will be scheduled at a medical facility near you. NSSP experts in occupational health will review your results and provide you with a summary and, if indicated, recommendations for follow-up. Typically, you will receive the results of your NSSP exam within 8 weeks of your exam appointment.

#### What does a screening exam include?

Medical screenings are tailored to your personal work history, hazardous exposures, and health. Your exam may include a physical examination, a chest x-ray, blood and urine tests, a breathing test, and other tests, including special tests for former workers exposed to substances such as beryllium. Exam components are offered according to the NSSP medical protocol.

#### Why get screened?

Screening exams can help identify signs or symptoms of work-related health conditions at early stages. Even if you see your doctor regularly, screening for health conditions related to potential exposures at a DOE site may benefit you and may not be addressed as part of your regular medical check-ups. Health conditions related to occupational exposures can develop many years after exposure, so it is important to get your NSSP screening done every 3 years.

## To enroll, call toll-free: 1-866-812-6703

The legislative mandate for the NSSP is the 1993 Defense Authorization Act (Public Law 102-484, Section 3162), which directed DOE to initiate a program to evaluate the health of DOE former workers who may have been exposed to hazardous substances at work. The duration of the NSSP is dependent upon available DOE funding.



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