

FORMER WORKER MEDICAL SCREENING PROGRAM

The Former Worker Medical Screening Program (FWP) is supported by the U.S. Department of Energy's (DOE) Office of Environment, Health, Safety and Security (EHSS) and reflects DOE's commitment to the health and safety of all DOE workers - past and present - who have served the Nation in its National security and other missions. The FWP provides ongoing medical screening examinations, at no cost, to all former DOE Federal, contractor, and subcontractor workers who may be at risk for occupational diseases. The FWP uses independent occupational health experts from universities, labor unions, and commercial organizations to administer the medical screening program. To ensure objective and credible medical examinations, the exams are offered by third-party providers. Screenings are provided at clinics in communities near DOE sites, as well as through a large network of health clinics nationwide to allow for services to be provided in close proximity to most workers' residences.

The FWP focuses on three central components that directly benefits former DOE workers by identifying signs or symptoms of work-related health conditions at an early more treatable stage and improving workers' understanding of health risks they may face due to potential exposures during their employment with DOE.

Outreach: Identify the potential pool of former DOE workers and notify them of FWP services.

Medical Screening: Provide medical screening exams designed to check for adverse health conditions related to occupational exposures in former workers who choose to participate in the program, including re-screen medical exams every 3 years.

THE FOLLOWING EXAMS ARE BASED ON THE INDIVIDUAL'S OCCUPATIONAL EXPOSURE HISTORY:

- Chest x-ray with B reading (interpretation for occupational lung disease),
- Spirometry / Pulmonary Function Test (breathing test),
- Beryllium Lymphocyte Proliferation Test (to detect beryllium sensitization),
- Blood chemistry test
- Urinalysis, and/or
- Audiometry (hearing test)



Communicate Results: Provide medical screening exam results to participants, as well as information concerning any conditions that may require follow-up medical care with their personal physicians or specialists and offer information regarding possible compensation for work-related illnesses. When appropriate, the FWP Projects will refer participants to the U.S. Department of Labor (DOL) for potential compensation through the Energy Employees Occupational Illness Compensation Program (EEOICP).

The FWP consists of four designated regional projects located near major DOE sites, as well as two nationwide projects.

REGIONAL PROJECTS INCLUDE:

- Pantex Former Worker Program (Contact: 1-888-378-8939)
- Medical Exam Program for Former Workers from Los Alamos and Sandia (NM) National Laboratories (Contact: 1-877-500-8615)
- Worker Health Protection Program (Contact: 1-888-241-1199)
- Line 1/Division B Iowa Army Ammunition Plant and Ames Laboratory (Contact: 1-866-282-5818)

NATIONWIDE PROJECTS INCLUDE:

- The National Supplemental Screening Program (Contact: 1-866-812-6703)
- Building Trades National Medical Screening Program (Contact: 1-800-866-9663)



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<https://www.energy.gov/ehss/former-worker-medical-screening-program-0>