

NIOSH Program Update

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Advisory Board on Radiation and Worker Health, 161st Meeting

Teleconference | December 5, 2024

Contracts, Staffing

- Lori Marion-Moss has accepted the DCAS director (Grady Calhoun's current position) understudy position.
 - She will officially take over Feb 1, 2025
- Dr. Brant Ulsh has accepted the DCAS Associate Director for Science (Tim Taulbee's current position) understudy position.
 - He will officially take over March 29, 2025
- Charles Nelson has accepted the position of Health Physics Supervisor (LaVon Rutherford's previous position)
- Still need to recruit for and fill:
 - Special Exposure Cohort Team Leader (Charles Nelson's previous position)
 - Dose Reconstruction Team Leader (Lori Marion-Moss' previous position)
- A 1-year bridge contract for dose reconstruction has been finalized.
 - Currently working on planning for next dose reconstruction contract rebid.

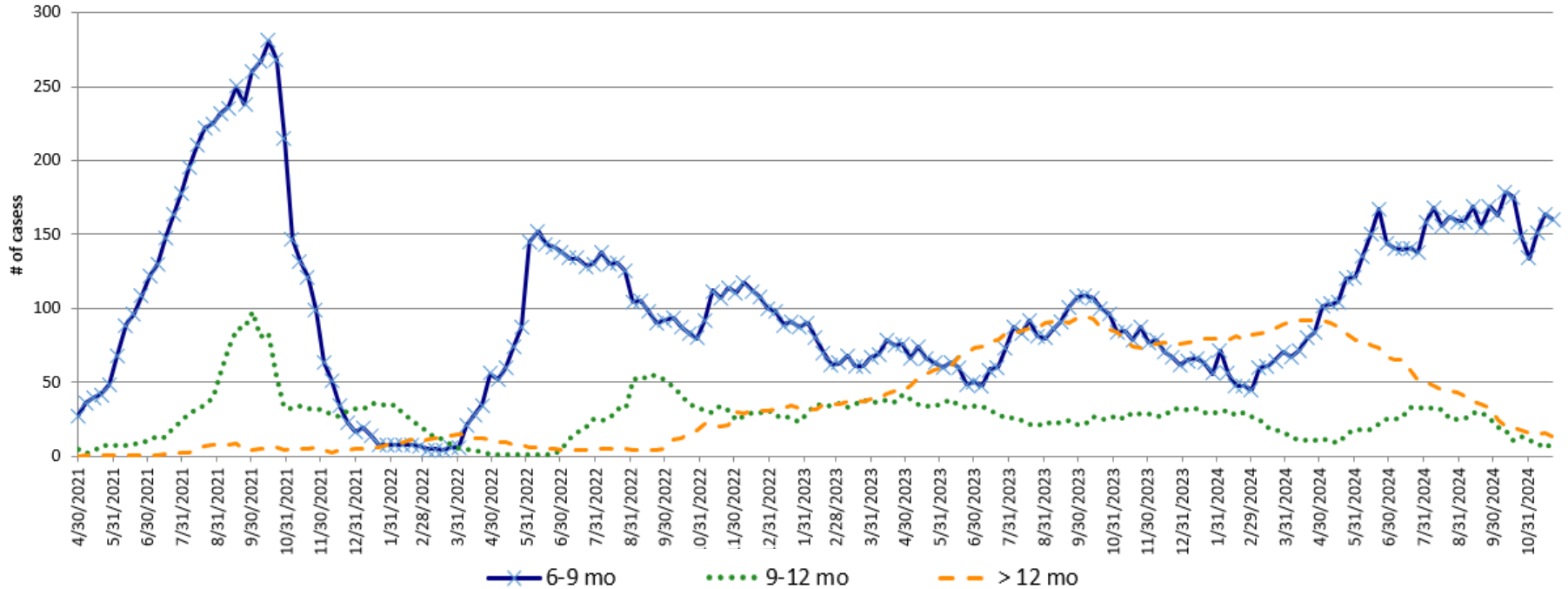
IT Update

- We continue to process cases manually
- We have achieved steady-state processing of dose reconstructions
 - *We continue to achieve our goal of having more than 90% of all dose reconstructions completed within 5 months of receiving the last data required for completion*
- The Site Research Data Base (SRDB) and the Board Review System (BRS) have been restored on ORAUT's space
 - DCAS, SC&A, and Board members are connecting through CyberArk
- The SEC Viewer is next on the list
- NOCTS will be last as it is the most complicated

Workshops, Town Halls, Outreach

- Completed outreach events:
 - Cincinnati, OH September 2024
 - Gallup, Grants, and Albuquerque, NM September 2024
- JOTG Events tentatively scheduled
 - Idaho National Lab – Idaho Falls, ID 4/23/2025
 - Brookhaven National Lab – Long Island, NY 6/10/2025
 - Los Alamos National Lab - Espanola, NM 7/24/2025
 - Weldon Spring Plant/Mallinckrodt Chemical Co - Northwestern, MO 9/10/2025

Age of Cases Since the Pause Began*



This represents the time a case is with DCAS measured from the date the case is received from DOL to the date the draft dose reconstructions are sent to claimants. DCAS' goal is to complete dose reconstructions within 5 months of the receipt of the last data required for dose reconstruction. The age of cases increased significantly when the pause started in May of 2021 and peaked in October of that year. 9 of the 13 cases which are older than 12 months and 2 of the 9 cases between 9 and 12 months are not workable, primarily because we are awaiting additional information requested from claimants, DOE, or DOL or pending revision of a technical document.

***as of November 22, 2024**

Record Requests to Department of Energy*

254 total outstanding

- 33 between 61 and 120 days old
- 4 between 121 and 180

*as of November 22, 2024

Case status report*

58,565 cases to NIOSH from DOL

- 50,685 returned to DOL with DR
- 975 administratively closed
- 3,682 pulled by DOL for Special Exposure Cohort (SEC)
- 1,950 pulled from DR by DOL

1,273 at NIOSH for dose reconstruction (DR)

Probability of Causation Summary*

50,685 DRs sent for final adjudication

- 37,426 less than 50% - 74% of total
- 13,259 greater than 50% - 26% of total
- These percentages have remained relatively consistent over time

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Active Cases*

1,273 active at NIOSH for DR

- 428 in the DR process
- 214 draft DR reports with claimants
- 631 cases preparing for DR

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