



Program Update

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Contracts and Staffing

Dose Reconstruction (DR) Contract

- 5-month contract awarded; ends August 29, 2026
- Approval of 6-month extension is complete; ends February 28, 2027

Retirements

- Lavon Rutherford, Deputy Director (August)

Recruiting

- Actively recruiting for Program Analyst, Health Physicist, and IT positions

IT Update

Systems Status – Contractor Environment

- Processing claims in NIOSH OCAS Claim Tracking System (NOCTS)
- Site Research Database (SRDB)
- Board Review System (BRS)

Joint Outreach Task Group

Completed

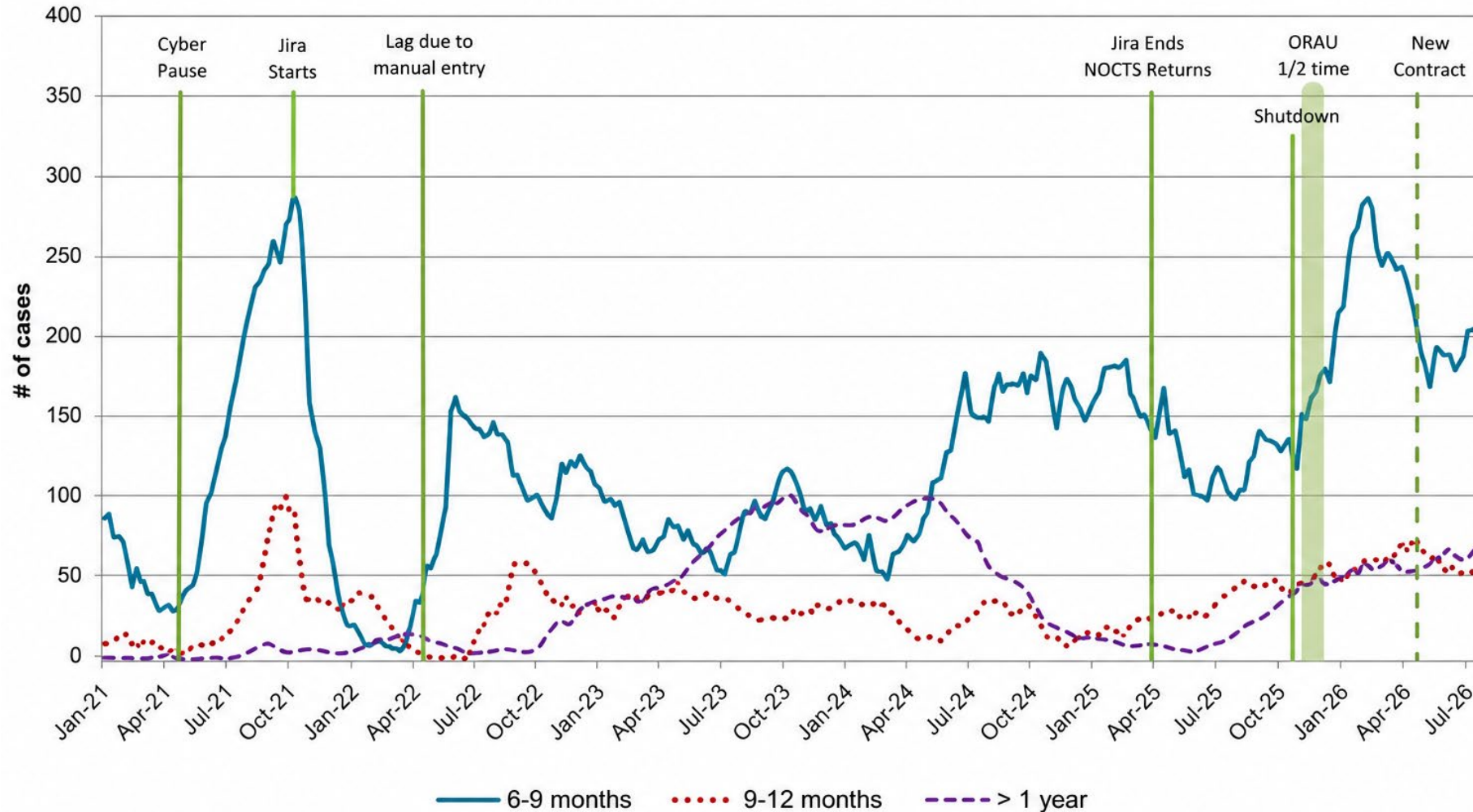
- Savannah River Site, North Augusta, SC, April 22
- Nevada Test Site, Las Vegas, NV, May 20
- Oak Ridge National Laboratory, Oak Ridge, TN, June 30
- Los Alamos National Laboratory, Los Alamos, NM, Aug. 12
- Sandia National Laboratory, Albuquerque, NM, Aug. 13

Upcoming

- Partner Agency Webinar Series – Federal Partners, October 28

Age of Dose Reconstruction Claims

March 2021-Julv 2026



Case age is measured from the date DCAS receives a case from the Department of Labor (DOL) until the draft dose reconstruction is sent to the claimant. DCAS aims to complete dose reconstructions within 5 months of receiving the last required data. Case age increased significantly after the May 2021 cyber pause and peaked in October 2021. Additional peaks occurred during 2026 due to process and changes.

Department of Energy Records Requests

275 outstanding

9 more than 60 days

As of 7/30/26

Case Status (1 of 2)

61,611 from Department of Labor (DOL)
1,593 at NIOSH

59,000 cases returned to DOL

53,209 completed with DR report

2,052 pulled or withdrawn by DOL

3,739 pulled or withdrawn for Special Exposure Cohort (SEC)

1,018 administratively closed¹

¹ Draft dose reconstruction report sent to claimant; no OCAS-1 form returned by claimant.

Case Status

2 of 2

Of the 1,593 active cases

650 in DR process

748 preparing for DR

195 draft reports with claimants

DRs completed

53,209 to DOL for final decision

- **13,652** (26% of total) probability of causation equal to or greater than 50%
- **39,557** (74% of total) probability of causation less than 50%

Thank you.

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