



DOE Former Worker Medical Screening Program

ALASKA

Amchitka Island Test Site Former Workers

Population Being Served

Amchitka Island Test Site, located in the western Aleutian Islands of Alaska, was established in 1913 as a national wildlife refuge. In 1964, the Atomic Energy Commission designated Amchitka as a nuclear testing facility. In 1965, 1969, and 1971, Amchitka conducted three large underground nuclear detonations. The facility was closed in 1994 to undergo restoration and clean up of its radioactive, chemical, and hazardous wastes.

Organizations Providing Services

The State of Alaska, in conjunction with the Center to Protect Workers' Rights, provided screening to former construction workers from Amchitka beginning in 1999. The project is now carried out by the Center to Protect Workers' Rights, an applied occupational health research and development center of the Building and Construction Trades Department of the AFL-CIO, in partnership with Duke University Medical Center, the University of Cincinnati Medical Center, and Zenith Administrators.

Current Status of the Program

This project was initiated in 1999 and is ongoing.

Contact Information

Former Workers from this site who wish to receive screening are asked to call toll free at 1-800-866-9663. Additional information on this project can be obtained at <http://www.btmed.org/>.

Further information on the DOE Former Worker Medical Screening Program can be found at: <http://www.hss.energy.gov/healthsafety/fwsp/formerworkermed/>.