



DOE Former Worker Medical Screening Program

WASHINGTON

Hanford Site Former Workers

Population Being Served

The Hanford site, located in Benton County, Washington, was established in 1943 as part of the Manhattan Project during World War II to create plutonium for nuclear weapons production. Between 1943 and 1963, nine plutonium production reactors, five chemical processing plants and various support facilities were constructed and operated. In 1987, the last remaining defense production reactor was shut down. Hanford is currently undergoing environmental clean up. Medical screening is provided to former workers from this site in two separate groups based on the type of work they performed, production or construction.

Organizations Providing Services

Former Production Workers – As of May 2007, screening for this population is provided by the National Supplemental Screening Program which is conducted by Oak Ridge Associated Universities and its partners Comprehensive Health Services, National Jewish Medical and Research Center, and Occupational HealthLink. Previously medical surveillance for former production workers at Hanford was conducted by the University of Washington.

Former Construction Workers – This project is being conducted 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, University of Cincinnati Medical Center, and Zenith Administrators.

Current Status of the Program

Medical screening for former Hanford workers began in 1997 through the University of Washington and the Center to Protect Workers' Rights. Medical screening for former production workers now continues through Oak Ridge Associated Universities and is ongoing for former construction workers through the Center to Protect Workers' Rights.

Contact Information

Former Production Workers from this DOE site who wish to receive screening are asked to call toll free at 1-866-812-6703. Further information on this project can be found at: <http://www.ornl.gov/nssp/>.

Former Construction Workers from this DOE site who wish to receive screening are asked to call toll free at 1-800-866-9663. Further information on this project can be found 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/>.