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Yucca Mountain Silicosis Screening Program

Since the January 2004 announcement of a Silicosis Medical Screening Program for Yucca Mountain tunnel workers, the Office of Civilian Radioactive Waste Management (OCRWM) and the University of Cincinnati have mailed 6,228 informative letters, postcards, and invitations to participate in the screening program to current and former workers. A total of 978 persons responded to the mailings and 551 of them participated in the medical screenings.

The University of Cincinnati and The Center to Protect Workers' Rights worked with the local miners and laborers union in Las Vegas to provide more outreach for the Yucca Mountain Silicosis Medical Screening Program. The miners and laborers union in Las Vegas sent out more than 3,500 letters written in English and Spanish to their members informing them of the Program and an article about it was published in the Center to Protect Workers' Rights Newsletter.

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- :: Fact Sheets
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- :: Technical Report Confirms Reliability of Yucca Mountain Technical Work
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All screening exams have been completed and the University of Cincinnati has submitted its final report and recommendations to the Office of Civilian Radioactive Waste Management.

**Information on Yucca Mountain Silicosis Screening Program:**

- Final Report: Yucca Mountain Medical Screening Program for Silicosis

**Energy Employees Occupational Illness Compensation Program Act**

Compensation coverage for DOE employees exposed to silica, other hazardous materials, and radiation are defined in the Energy Employees Occupational Illness Compensation Program Act (EEOICPA) that is administered by the U.S. Department of Labor. The FY 2005 Defense Authorization bill (Public Law 108-375) contained several major amendments that revise several parts of the Act. The revisions include Part B of EEOICPA which provides compensation for silicosis. Also, it created a new Part E of EEOICPA with additional federal benefits instead of state workers' compensation assistance.

The following links provide more information and contact numbers for the Department of Labor process and the Energy Employees Occupational Illness Compensation Program Act.

U.S. Department of Labor, Division of Energy Employees Illness Compensation:  
[www.dol.gov/esa/regs/compliance/owcp/eoicp/main.htm](http://www.dol.gov/esa/regs/compliance/owcp/eoicp/main.htm)

The Law and Regulations, Energy Employees Occupational Illness Compensation Act of 2000:  
[www.dol.gov/esa/regs/compliance/owcp/eoicp/law/thelaw.htm](http://www.dol.gov/esa/regs/compliance/owcp/eoicp/law/thelaw.htm)

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