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Energy Department Official to Discuss Former Worker Health Screening Program

U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) Assistant Secretary for Environment, Safety, & Health (EH) John Shaw will visit a local program office for an EH-funded Former Worker Medical Screening Program Friday morning, June 24, to announce his continuation of the medical screening program for former DOE Nevada federal and contractor employees. In addition, Shaw will discuss DOE's role in a government-wide campaign to heighten public awareness about new prescription drug coverage plans that will soon be available under Medicare.

Members of the news media are invited to a media availability with Shaw from 10 - 10:45 a.m. at the local program office at 2315 North Decatur Blvd., Suite B. Please call Darwin Morgan at 295-1755 before 5 p.m. Thursday to arrange a time.

The DOE Former Worker Medical Screening Program, already available at several DOE sites across the country, offers some 400,000 former DOE workers an opportunity to receive, free of charge, medical screening for a variety of health conditions that may be related to their employment at a DOE site. The screening for former Nevada workers is provided by Boston University and the University of California San Francisco at local clinics in the Las Vegas area.

Says Shaw: "Energy Secretary Bodman and I are in the process of expanding this medical screening program to offer every interested former employee from every DOE site this medical screening, regardless of where they live or where they worked..." The program has been available for select groups of former workers, including Nevada workers, since 1996.