



# Voluntary Medical Exam To Address Past Exposure

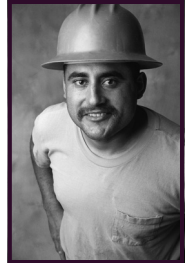
Hanford workers have voiced concerns that the current Employee Job Task Analysis-based medical monitoring programs don't take into account past potential workplace exposures, and that the age-based health maintenance exams may not be offered frequently enough to fully provide for early detection of occupational illnesses. In response, contractor health and safety management representatives worked with Department of Energy, AdvanceMed Hanford (AMH) and bargaining-unit employee representatives to offer a modified voluntary health maintenance exam for employees.

The modified exam, known as the Voluntary Health Maintenance Exam, will be available to all Hanford employees who believe they may have had previous exposure to hazardous agents and who choose to participate. The AMH provider, based on employee input and sound medical practice, will determine the frequency of the Voluntary Health Maintenance Exam.

The Employee Job Task Analysis process was fully implemented in 1998 to provide a consistent site-wide method to communicate risk-based medical qualification and medical monitoring needs to AMH, the site occupational medical provider. The EJTA is an evaluation of an employee's current job hazards and was not designed to evaluate or provide medical exams for po-

tential historical exposures on jobs prior.

In addition to the medical exams offered as a result of EJTAs, DOE and the Hanford Site prime contractors have offered a voluntary age-based periodic medical exam, for DOE prime contractor workers referred to as the Health Maintenance Exam. The Health Maintenance Exam is offered every two years to employees over the age of 50 and to younger employees every three to five years, depending on their age.



If you have questions about the Voluntary Health Maintenance Exam, check with your company's point of contact listed below, your HAMTC, or Building Trades Health and Safety representative.



## Health Maintenance

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# Enrollment: A Five Step Process

## Step 1

Employee completes the DOE Historic Health Exposure Questionnaire. This form is attached and can be found at [www.hanford.gov/amh](http://www.hanford.gov/amh), your company's health and safety staff, or your Hanford Atomic Metal Trades Council safety representative. The questionnaire asks the employee to specify the types of hazardous agents to which he or she was exposed, make a qualitative judgment as to the extent of the perceived exposure, and provide a work location history for the perceived exposure.

## Step 2

Employee sends in a DOE Historic Health Exposure Questionnaire form to AMH Scheduling at mailstop G3-70.

## Step 3

Exams are scheduled. Employees already enrolled in

medical monitoring programs who would come in for a medical exam within the next 12 months will maintain that 12-month schedule and medical exam.

Procedures will be modified as necessary to incorporate any additional medical procedures dictated by the Voluntary Health Maintenance Exam. Employees not already enrolled in medical monitoring programs will be scheduled for the Voluntary Health Maintenance Exam as soon as AMH's schedule allows.

## Step 4

Employees go to AMH for their scheduled medical exam. During the exam, the attending physician will use information from the employee on past exposure issues and concerns to determine the appropriate frequency and content for future Voluntary Health Maintenance Exams. Employees enrolled in other medical

monitoring programs will continue to be scheduled for those exams at the mandated frequencies (for example, if an employee is enrolled in a medical program that requires an annual audiogram, he or she will still receive that annual audiogram regardless of the frequency set for the voluntary health maintenance medical exam).

## Step 5

Employees are scheduled for future Voluntary Health Maintenance Exams at the frequency decided upon by the AMH physician.

The Voluntary Health Maintenance Exams will be combined with any current medical exam that is being administered as part of the EJTA and current work requirements.



## Points of Contact

- **DOE Richland Operation Office**  
Steve Bertness 376-6221
- **DOE Office of River Protection**  
Paul Hernandez 376-2209
- **Fluor Hanford or Fluor Hanford contractors**  
Davis Jackson 373-1289  
Valerie Mitchell 376-7130  
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Steve Maki 521-7608  
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- **CH2M HILL Hanford Group**  
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- **Pacific Northwest National Laboratory**  
Kathy Ertell 371-7881  
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- **AdvanceMed Hanford**  
Mary Sams 376-6000
- **Washington Closure Hanford or Washington Closure Hanford Contractors** (Eberline Services Hanford, Inc and ILSI - Integrated Logistic Services, Inc.)  
Darlene McClure 372-9233

**Pages 3 and 4:**  
**DOE Historic**  
**Health Exposure**  
**Questionnaire**

# DOE Historic Health Exposure Questionnaire

Hanford ID	Name (Please Print)	Current Employer
	<i>Last</i>	<i>MI</i>

Indicate harmful agents to which you believe you may have been exposed **at a DOE site** and indicate the extent of the perceived exposure:

- A. Walked through/inspected the area containing this hazard (Inspections that did not cause direct exposure)
- B. In the area of the hazard for extended times, but not working directly with the hazard
- C. Worked directly with this hazard (e.g.: in chemical process, opening waste containers, etc...)

Check all that apply:

	A	B	C		A	B	C
1. Beryllium				13. Isocyanates			
2. Asbestos				14. Lead Dust			
3. Silica Dust				15. Mercury			
4. Arsenic				16. Nickel			
5. Benzene				17. Noise			
6. Cadmium				18. PCBs			
7. Carcinogens (specify below)				19. Solvents (specify below)			
8. Chromium				20. Synthetic Vitreous Fibers			
9. Coal Dust				21. Two-part epoxies or paints (solvent based)			
10. Epichlorohydrin				22. Welding Fumes			
11. Formaldehyde				23. Other Physical or Chemical Agents (specify below)			
12. Ionizing Radiation							

Comments/ Agent Description/Explanation (including "other" from #23) :

Complete Work Location History On Page 4

# DOE Work Location History

<b>Work Location</b> Hanford Area or DOE Site if Non-Hanford	<b>Building(s)</b>	<b>Employer</b>	<b>Job Title</b>	<b>Begin Yr</b>	<b>End Yr</b>	<b>Hazard Agent Exposure at this Location?</b> (i.e; 1, 9, and 23)	<b>PPE Worn?</b>
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**Comments regarding work locations:**

I have completed this form to the best of my knowledge, and understand that it may or may not be supported by documented exposure monitoring data. In addition, I understand that I will be scheduled for an exam within the next twelve months and a copy of this form is required.

**Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Make a copy for your personal records**