

FY 2025

CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET JUSTIFICATION

**ENERGY EMPLOYEES OCCUPATIONAL ILLNESS
COMPENSATION PROGRAM ACT**

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APPROPRIATION LANGUAGE**

For necessary expenses to administer the Energy Employees Occupational Illness Compensation Program Act, \$66,966,000, to remain available until expended: Provided, That the Secretary may require that any person filing a claim for benefits under the Act provide as part of such claim such identifying information (including Social Security account number) as may be prescribed.

Note.--A full-year 2024 appropriation for this account was not enacted at the time the Budget was prepared; therefore, the Budget assumes this account is operating under the Continuing Appropriations Act, 2024 and Other Extensions Act (Division A of Public Law 118-15, as amended). The amounts included for 2024 reflect the annualized level provided by the continuing resolution.

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AMOUNTS AVAILABLE FOR OBLIGATION						
(Dollars in Thousands)						
	FY 2023 Enacted		FY 2024 Estimate		FY 2025 Request	
	FTE	Amount	FTE	Amount	FTE	Amount
A. Appropriation	206	\$64,564	228	\$66,532	228	\$66,966
Sequestration Reduction Pursuant to the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985	0	-\$5,359	0	\$0	0	\$0
A.1. Subtotal Appropriation	206	\$59,205	228	\$66,532	228	\$66,966
Unobligated balance available start-of year (Part B)	0	\$1,268	0	\$1,129	0	\$0
DOL Administrative Expenses: (Part E) (Indefinite Authority)	208	\$81,316	229	\$83,377	229	\$83,922
Sequestration Reduction Pursuant to the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985	0	-\$6,749	0	\$0	0	\$0
B. Gross Budget Authority	414	\$135,040	457	\$151,038	457	\$150,888
Unobligated balance available start-of year (Part B)	0	-\$1,268	0	-\$1,129	0	\$0
DOL Administrative Expenses (Part E) (Indefinite Authority)	-208	-\$74,567	-229	-\$83,377	-229	-\$83,922
C. Budget Authority Before Committee	206	\$59,205	228	\$66,532	228	\$66,966
Unobligated balance available start-of year (Part B)	0	\$1,268	0	\$1,129	0	\$0
DOL Administrative Expenses (Part E) (Indefinite Authority)	208	\$74,567	229	\$83,377	229	\$83,922
D. Total Budgetary Resources (Appropriated and Indefinite)	414	\$135,040	457	\$151,038	457	\$150,888
Unobligated Balances Carrying Forward for Part B	9	\$1,129	0	\$0	0	\$0
Unobligated Balances Expiring for Part E	2	-\$1,444	0	\$0	0	\$0
E. Total, Estimated Obligations	425	\$134,725	457	\$151,038	457	\$150,888

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SUMMARY OF CHANGES (Dollars in Thousands)

	FY 2024 Estimate	FY 2025 Request	Net Change
Budget Authority			
General Funds	\$149,909	\$150,888	+\$979
Total	\$149,909	\$150,888	+\$979
Full Time Equivalents			
General Funds	457	457	0
Total	457	457	0

Explanation of Change	FY 2025 Change							
	FY 2024 Base		Trust Funds		General Funds		Total	
	FTE	Amount	FTE	Amount	FTE	Amount	FTE	Amount
Increases:								
A. Built-Ins:								
To Provide For:								
Costs of pay adjustments	457	\$56,089	0	\$0	0	\$685	0	\$685
Personnel benefits	0	\$20,409	0	\$0	0	\$256	0	\$256
Employee health benefits	0	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0
Moving allowance	0	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0
Federal Employees' Compensation Act (FECA)	0	\$541	0	\$0	0	\$38	0	\$38
Benefits for former personnel	0	\$147	0	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0
Travel and transportation of persons	0	\$146	0	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0
Transportation of things	0	\$16	0	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0
Rental payments to GSA	0	\$1,886	0	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0
Rental payments to others	0	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0
Communications, utilities, and miscellaneous charges	0	\$304	0	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0
Printing and reproduction	0	\$130	0	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0
Advisory and assistance services	0	\$342	0	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0
Other services from non-Federal sources	0	\$32,196	0	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0
Working Capital Fund	0	\$16,038	0	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0
Other Federal sources (DHS Charges)	0	\$523	0	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0
Other goods and services from Federal sources	0	\$18,126	0	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0
Research & Development Contracts	0	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0
Operation and maintenance of facilities	0	\$3	0	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0
Operation and maintenance of equipment	0	\$2,812	0	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0
Supplies and materials	0	\$110	0	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0
Equipment	0	\$56	0	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0

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FY 2025 Change

Explanation of Change	FY 2024 Base		Trust Funds		General Funds		Total	
	FTE	Amount	FTE	Amount	FTE	Amount	FTE	Amount
Grants, subsidies, and contributions	0	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0
Insurance claims and indemnities	0	\$35	0	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0
Built-Ins Subtotal	457	+\$149,909	0	\$0	0	+\$979	0	+\$979
B. Programs:								
Programs Subtotal			0	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0
Total Increase	457	+\$149,909	0	\$0	0	+\$979	0	+\$979
Decreases:								
A. Built-Ins:								
To Provide For:								
Built-Ins Subtotal	0	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0
B. Programs:								
Programs Subtotal			0	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0
Total Decrease	0	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0	0	\$0
Total Change	457	+\$149,909	0	\$0	0	+\$979	0	+\$979

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SUMMARY BUDGET AUTHORITY AND FTE BY ACTIVITY								
(Dollars in Thousands)								
	FY 2023 Enacted		FY 2024 Estimate		FY 2025 Request		Diff. FY25 Request / FY24 Estimate	
	FTE	Amount	FTE	Amount	FTE	Amount	FTE	Amount
Energy Employees Occupational Illness Compensation Program Act - Admin	425	\$133,772	457	\$149,909	457	\$150,888	0	\$979
Energy Employees Occupational Illness Compensation Program Part B	215	\$59,205	228	\$66,532	228	\$66,966	0	\$434
OWCP	213	\$58,490	226	\$65,726	226	\$66,155	0	\$429
Ombudsman	2	\$715	2	\$806	2	\$811	0	\$5
Energy Employees Occupational Illness Compensation Program Part E	210	\$74,567	229	\$83,377	229	\$83,922	0	\$545
Energy Advisory Board	1	\$480	1	\$532	1	\$536	0	\$4
OWCP	206	\$73,190	225	\$81,836	225	\$82,370	0	\$534
Ombudsman	3	\$897	3	\$1,009	3	\$1,016	0	\$7
Energy Employees Occupational Illness Compensation Program Act - Benefits	0	\$2,189,136	0	\$2,493,797	0	\$2,683,732	0	\$189,935
Energy Employees Occupational Illness Compensation Program Part B	0	\$1,673,039	0	\$1,901,722	0	\$2,068,313	0	\$166,591
Energy Employees Occupational Illness Compensation Program Part E	0	\$516,097	0	\$592,075	0	\$615,419	0	\$23,344
Total	425	\$2,322,908	457	\$2,643,706	457	\$2,834,620	0	\$190,914

NOTE: FY 2023 reflects actual FTE.

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BUDGET AUTHORITY BY OBJECT CLASS¹					
(Dollars in Thousands)					
		FY 2023 Enacted	FY 2024 Estimate	FY 2025 Request	Diff. FY25 Request / FY24 Estimate
	Full-Time Equivalent				
	Full-time Permanent	414	457	457	0
	Total	414	457	457	0
	Average ES Salary	\$192,362	\$199,864	\$203,963	\$4,099
	Average GM/GS Grade	12/6	12/6	12/6	0
	Average GM/GS Salary	\$103,318	\$107,347	\$109,494	\$2,147
11.1	Full-time permanent	47,584	55,009	55,694	685
11.3	Other than full-time permanent	0	0	0	0
11.5	Other personnel compensation	1,080	1,080	1,080	0
11.8	Special personal services payments	0	0	0	0
11.9	Total personnel compensation	48,664	56,089	56,774	685
12.1	Civilian personnel benefits	18,230	20,950	21,244	294
13.0	Benefits for former personnel	147	147	147	0
21.0	Travel and transportation of persons	143	146	146	0
22.0	Transportation of things	16	16	16	0
23.0	Rent, Communications, and Utilities	0	0	0	0
23.1	Rental payments to GSA	1,886	1,886	1,886	0
23.2	Rental payments to others	0	0	0	0
23.3	Communications, utilities, and miscellaneous charges	304	304	304	0
24.0	Printing and reproduction	130	130	130	0
25.1	Advisory and assistance services	342	342	342	0
25.2	Other services from non-Federal sources	29,174	32,196	32,196	0
25.3	Other goods and services from Federal sources 1/	31,720	34,687	34,687	0
25.4	Operation and maintenance of facilities	3	3	3	0
25.5	Research and development contracts	0	0	0	0
25.7	Operation and maintenance of equipment	2,812	2,812	2,812	0
26.0	Supplies and materials	110	110	110	0
31.0	Equipment	56	56	56	0
41.0	Grants, subsidies, and contributions	0	0	0	0
42.0	Insurance claims and indemnities	35	35	35	0
	Total	133,772	149,909	150,888	979
	1/Other goods and services from Federal sources				
	Working Capital Fund	11,861	16,038	16,038	0
	DHS Services	523	523	523	0
	Services by DOL Agencies	17,040	15,830	15,830	0
	GSA Services	1,440	1,440	1,440	0
	Services by Other Government Departments	856	856	856	0

¹ The FY 2023 level reflects the post-sequestration amount pursuant to the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985.

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AUTHORIZING STATUTES**

Public Law / Act	Legislation	Statute No. / US Code	Expiration Date
Pub. L. 106-398	Energy Employees Occupational Illness Compensation Program Act (Part B administration and benefits)	42 U.S.C. § 7384e	Does not expire
Pub. L. 108-375	Energy Employees Occupational Illness Compensation Program Act (Part E administration)	42 U.S.C. § 7385s-13	Does not expire
Pub. L. 108-375	Energy Employees Occupational Illness Compensation Program Act (Part E benefits)	42 U.S.C. § 7385s-14	Does not expire

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APPROPRIATION HISTORY (Dollars in Thousands)					
	Budget Estimates to Congress	House Allowance	Senate Allowance	Appropriations	FTE
2015					
Base Appropriation	\$130,835			\$118,601	499
2016					
Base Appropriation	\$133,446	\$58,552	\$58,552	\$121,563	490
2017					
Base Appropriation	\$136,640			\$124,205	476
2018					
Base Appropriation	\$138,840	\$59,846		\$126,482	446
2019					
Base Appropriation...1/	\$138,092		\$59,098	\$126,078	451
2020					
Base Appropriation...2/	\$138,840	\$59,846		\$126,900	435
2021					
Base Appropriation...2/	\$141,763			\$129,997	414
2022					
Base Appropriation...3/	\$143,603	\$63,428		\$131,684	414
2023					
Base Appropriation	\$145,880			\$133,772	414
2024					
Base Appropriation...4/	\$149,909		\$149,909		457
2025					
Base Appropriation	\$150,888				457

^{1/} This bill was passed by the Senate. It was passed out of the House Subcommittee but was not reported out of the House Committee or by the full House.

^{2/} FTE for FY 2020 and FY 2021 reflect the Shared Services Realignment.

^{3/} This bill was passed by the House. It was not taken up by the Senate Appropriations Subcommittee or the full Senate Appropriations Committee.

^{4/} The full-year FY 2024 appropriation was not enacted at the time the budget was prepared.

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OVERVIEW

The Energy Employees Occupational Illness Compensation Program Act (EEOICPA), enacted in October 2000, provides lump sum compensation and medical care to claimants. OWCP provides benefits under Part B of EEOICPA to covered employees or survivors of employees of the Department of Energy (DOE), and private companies under contract with DOE, who have been diagnosed with a radiation-related cancer, beryllium-related disease, or chronic silicosis as a result of their work in producing or testing nuclear weapons. Part E of the EEOICPA covers contractors and subcontractors of DOE (or their survivors) who sustained any illness that is determined to be caused, contributed to, or aggravated by any toxic substances in the work environment. Benefits for uranium workers covered by the Radiation Exposure Compensation Act (RECA) are also provided.

EEOICPA's FY 2025 Request includes \$811,000 in Part B funds and \$1,016,000 in Part E funds for the Office of the Ombudsman for EEOICPA. The Office of the Ombudsman was created by Congress to address the concerns of claimants and potential claimants regarding their receipt of benefits under Part E of EEOICPA and was later expanded to Part B. By law, this office is required to be independent from the Division of Energy Employees Occupational Illness Compensation (DEEOIC) program office.

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BUDGET AUTHORITY BEFORE THE COMMITTEE²				
(Dollars in Thousands)				
	FY 2023 Enacted	FY 2024 Estimate	FY 2025 Request	Diff. FY25 Request / FY24 Estimate
Activity Appropriation (Part B)	59,205	66,532	66,966	434
FTE (Part B)	215	228	228	0
Activity Appropriation (Part E)	74,567	83,377	83,922	545
FTE (Part E)	210	229	229	0
Total Parts B and E	133,772	149,909	150,888	979
Total FTE Part B and E	425	457	457	0

NOTE: FY 2023 reflects actual FTE. Authorized FTE for FY 2023 was 414.

Introduction

The mission of OWCP’s Energy Employees Occupational Illness Compensation program is to adjudicate and pay benefits for claims filed under Part B and Part E of EEOICPA. The work for this program is accomplished in four District Offices that develop evidence to determine diagnoses, employment and exposure information, and causation, and issue recommended decisions before a case is transferred to the Final Adjudication Branch (FAB); eleven resource centers that provide assistance to claimants in completing benefit applications for both Part B and E; and a FAB where final decisions are issued.

Part B authorizes a lump-sum payment of \$150,000 and medical benefits to DOE employees, contractors, or subcontractors who are seriously ill from exposure to beryllium, silica, or radiation due to working in the nuclear weapons industry. Part B also provides compensation for some employees’ survivors and supplemental lump-sum payments of up to \$50,000 to individuals already eligible for benefits for illnesses covered under Section 5 of the RECA, and, where applicable, their survivors.

Under Part E, OWCP provides compensation and medical benefits to covered DOE contractors who are determined to have contracted a covered illness through exposure at a DOE facility. Part E authorizes compensation benefits to DOE contractor employees based upon the degree of impairment and lost wages. Certain survivors of covered DOE contractors also receive compensation if the covered illness contributed to the employee’s death. Additionally, uranium workers eligible under Section 5 of the RECA may also receive compensation under Part E for illnesses due to toxic substance exposure at a uranium mine or mill covered under that Act. Benefits are paid from the Energy Compensation Fund for both EEOICPA and RECA benefits.

² The FY 2023 level reflects the post-sequestration amount pursuant to the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985.

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Five-Year Budget Activity History

<u>Fiscal Year</u>	<u>Funding</u> (Dollars in Thousands)	<u>FTE</u>
2020	\$54,699	220
2021	\$57,319	207
2022	\$58,163	207
2023	\$59,205	206
2024	\$0	228

NOTE: A full-year 2024 appropriation for this account was not enacted at the time the budget was prepared.

FY 2025

Total resources at the FY 2025 Request level for OWCP’s Energy program are \$150,888,000 and 457 FTE. Part B funds are \$66,966,000 and 228 FTE, including \$811,000 and 2 FTE for the Office of the Ombudsman. Part E funds are \$83,922,000 and 229 FTE, including \$1,016,000 and 3 FTE for the Office of the Ombudsman, and \$536,000 and 1 FTE for the operations of the Advisory Board on Toxic Substances and Worker Health. The FY 2025 administrative request is the pre-sequester level and includes built-ins of \$979,000 for inflationary increases for pay and a FECA adjustment. At the Request level, DEEOIC will focus on the areas of emphasis in the President’s Management Agenda and the Department’s Management Priorities.

DEEOIC will continue to support the President’s agenda of “Delivering Excellent, Equitable, and Secure Federal Services and Customer Experience” by making operations as effective and efficient as possible with specific focus on maintaining timely adjudication of claims and FAB decisions, rendering quality decisions, building on prior-year Information Technology investments and improvements, and advancing equity.

DEEOIC will continue to actively promote the submission of digital records via the Energy Document Portal (EDP) from external stakeholders by increasing the number of forms to be included in the digital sign and submit capabilities within the EDP. The program will use claimant feedback from existing EDP surveys to identify the forms for digital signature and submission in order to reduce the time it takes to receive information. DEEOIC will continue the management reporting and tracking of various program performance metrics by utilizing low cost and integrated business intelligence tools, such as Microsoft Power BI, which works effectively with the Microsoft SQL server and database currently being used. DEEOIC will incorporate the OWCP Imaging System (the system that contains digital case files) into the Energy Compensation System (the Energy program’s claim management system) with single sign on ability for claims staff. This will improve efficiency of accessing electronic case files and case management information. DEEOIC will expand the usage of the program’s Correspondence Creation and Tracking system to include standardized decisional letters. This will assist staff in drafting more uniform development letters. Additionally, DEEOIC will continue to enhance the Accountability Review Tracking System (ARTS) to provide an easily accessible and central way for managers at all levels to assess and report on the quality of work. These efforts will continue

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to improve the delivery, efficiency, security, and effectiveness of the services that DEEOIC provides to the public.

DEEOIC will continue to support the President’s agenda of “Delivering Excellent, Equitable, and Secure Federal Services and Customer Experience.” The Office of Management and Budget has designated OWCP, DEEOIC specifically, as a High-Impact Service Provider (HISP), which is a federal Department or Agency that provides transactional customer-facing services. Because of this designation, DEEOIC will continue to report its quarterly customer experience results, conduct the annual customer experience self-assessment, and identify its customer experience strengths and opportunities for improvement. DEEOIC’s Customer Experience team will continue to identify ways to improve the program’s understanding of stakeholder feedback, and work to develop a future-state data collection and surveying toolset. Additionally, DEEOIC is continually working to improve and enhance its public facing website, increasing program transparency by proactively publishing information to the Public Reading Room, improving claimant and medical provider experience by developing customer centric web pages that specifically tailor information and processes to each appropriate audience, improving its 508 compliance for stakeholders with alternative audio or visual needs, and identifying the vital documents/information that should be available in languages other than English.

DEEOIC will continue its efforts to deliver services effectively and efficiently by reducing improper payments through the ongoing evaluation of medical bills and other payment-related issues using the Performance Management Branch Program Integrity team (Program Integrity Team). The Program Integrity Team identifies improper payment practices by providers; reviews whether payments made to claimants or providers were accurate, appropriate, and aligned with necessary treatments for approved conditions; works with providers to correct those practices; recoups overpayments; and makes referrals to the Office of Inspector General, when appropriate. Additionally, the Program Integrity Team provides applicable documentation and data to state and federal investigatory agencies, and provides professional technical support for their investigations, upon request.

DEEOIC will continue to support the Department’s Management priority of improving the lives of our most vulnerable and hardest to reach workers by using the customer experience surveys to identify potential issues and trends in service quality and/or delivery. The program will collect and analyze feedback to inform improvement strategies to address any challenges by making program improvements that address equity and program access.

Finally, in FY 2025, DEEOIC will continue to develop ways to conduct outreach in traditionally low-income and other communities experiencing poverty near covered DOE facilities to ensure that the program informs potentially eligible individuals (or their survivors) of benefits available under the EEOICPA. DEEOIC’s underserved communities are typically low-income, from rural populations, and American Indians and/or those residing on American Indian reservations. DEEOIC has developed a Customer Engagement Plan to increase equity of services to underserved communities throughout the country. As part of the program’s Customer Engagement Plan the Resource Centers will continue to host a variety of outreach events, utilizing various platforms and mechanisms, to ensure information reaches communities without access to the Internet, and traditionally disenfranchised, tribal, and rural communities.

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Figures for FY 2024 are an estimate. Discretionary amounts shown for FY 2024 reflect an annualized Continuing Resolution (Division A of P.L. 118-15, as amended), as a full-year appropriation had not been enacted at the time the budget was produced. Mandatory amounts are equal to the FY 2024 President's Budget and do not reflect sequestration.

FY 2023

Total resources at the post sequestration FY 2023 Revised Enacted level for OWCP's Energy program were \$133,772,000 and 414 FTE. Of this total, Part B funds were \$59,205,000 and 206 FTE, including \$715,000 and 2 FTE for the Office of the Ombudsman, and Part E funds were \$74,567,000 and 208 FTE, including \$897,000 and 3 FTE for the Office of the Ombudsman, and \$480,000 and 1 FTE for the operations of the Advisory Board on Toxic Substances and Worker Health.

OWCP continued to support the President's priority of "Delivering Excellent, Equitable, and Secure Federal Services and Customer Experience" as well as the Secretary's vision of "Supporting a Lifetime of Worker Empowerment" by working to develop its workforce to improve the customer experience with Federal services. During FY 2023, DEEOIC continued its HISP Customer Experience (CX) efforts by submitting quarterly reports, conducting an annual assessment, and developing an Action Plan and Customer Journey Map. Feedback collection efforts included a series of surveys. The program developed five new external surveys, revised the Energy Document Portal (EDP) survey, and translated the existing Resource Center survey into Spanish. The program also conducted one-on-one customer phone interviews and a series of customer focus groups. Additionally, the program developed a new event outreach feedback collection and website survey that was implemented on the DEEOIC Spanish Language hub.

The DEEOIC Resource Centers (RCs), as well as program staff, conducted targeted outreach events and advertised and distributed literature to underserved/low-income census tract areas. In FY 2023, at least 20 percent of outreach efforts were towards identified underserved communities, including many rural communities. To track the effectiveness of outreach efforts, the RCs utilized methods to identify contacts and claims generated from each specific outreach activity by giving each activity a category and an event ID. The information was entered into a database where reports can be generated and analyzed to determine the effectiveness of outreach efforts.

DEEOIC continued efforts to deliver services effectively and efficiently by reducing improper payments through the ongoing evaluation of medical bills and other payment-related issues. Additionally, DEEOIC conducted more robust quality and accuracy reviews of the claim adjudication process by enhancing supervisory sampling and quality assurance reviews, both of which were tracked in the Accountability Review Tracking System (ARTS).

Finally, the DEEOIC program coordinated an ongoing interagency, cross governmental working group co-led by the Energy program and DOL's Mining Safety and Health Administration, that

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serves Native Nations and Tribes. Additional partners include the Department of Justice; OWCP's Black Lung program; National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health; Department of Health and Human Services' Health Resources and Services Administration; Indian Health Services; Veterans Administration; Department of Defense; Equal Employment Opportunity Commission; Environmental Protection Agency; and more. The working group shares best practices, and plans and coordinates outreach activities supporting Native American, Indigenous, tribal communities and/or those residing on Native American reservations with the goal of increasing transparency, translation, and readability of federal information.

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WORKLOAD AND PERFORMANCE SUMMARY					
		FY 2023 Enacted		FY 2024 Estimate	FY 2025 Request
		Target	Result	Target	Target
Energy Employees Occupational Illness Compensation Program					
Strategic Goal 3 - Improve Administration of and Strengthen Worker Safety Net Programs					
Strategic Objective 3.1 - Ensure timely and accurate income support when work is unavailable by strengthening benefits programs and program administration.					
Performance Measure					
EE 10	Complete initial processing of Energy claims within 145 days of receipt	92%	92%	92%	92%
Quality Measures					
EE Qa	Percent of sampled Part B and Part E initial claims rated as being accurate	90.50%	96.01%	91.00%	91.50%
Workload Measures					
EE WL 1	Number of Initial Claims Received (Part B)	4,218[p]	6,486	7,135[p]	7,848[p]
EE WL 2	Number of Initial Claims Processed (Part B)	4,203[p]	3,996	7,666[p]	8,433[p]
EE WL 9	Number of Consequential Condition Claims Received (Part B and E)	21,216[p]	22,473	25,774[p]	28,014[p]
EE WL 12	Number of Threads - Medical Authorizations (Part B and E)	45,157[p]	59,180	65,098[p]	71,608[p]
Strategic Goal 3 - Improve Administration of and Strengthen Worker Safety Net Programs					
Strategic Objective 3.1 - Ensure timely and accurate income support when work is unavailable by strengthening benefits programs and program administration.					
Workload Measures					
EE WL 5	Number of Initial Claims Received (Part E)	4,427[p]	4,925	5,418[p]	5,959[p]

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WORKLOAD AND PERFORMANCE SUMMARY				
	FY 2023 Enacted		FY 2024 Estimate	FY 2025 Request
	Target	Result	Target	Target
EE WL 6 Number of Initial Claims Processed (Part E)	4,579[p]	5,499	5,529[p]	6,082[p]

Legend: (r) Revised (e) Estimate (base) Baseline -- Not Applicable TBD - To Be Determined [p] - Projection

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Workload and Performance Narrative

Performance Measures

Performance measures for this program are focused on shortening the time it takes to provide monetary and medical compensation benefits to which claimants may be entitled and ensuring that correct and appropriate decisions are made during the claim development and adjudication process. This is accomplished by promptly and accurately processing claims.

OWCP measures the total time from initial claim filing date to final decision. This provides a transparent view of claims processing time and ensures the program focuses on shortening the time it takes to provide monetary compensation and medical benefits. In FY 2025, the Energy program expects to complete initial processing of 92 percent of Energy claims within 145 days of receipt.

The Energy program continues to conduct more robust quality and accuracy reviews of the claim adjudication process by enhancing supervisory sampling and quality assurance reviews. In FY 2023, the Energy program rated 96.01 percent of sampled Part B and Part E initial claims as being accurately processed, exceeding the target of 90.5 percent. The target in FY 2025 is 91.5 percent.

Workload Measures

If current trends continue, OWCP expects to receive 7,848 initial Part B and 5,959 initial Part E claims and complete initial processing (development until a claim is closed, sent to another agency for action, or until a Recommended Decision is issued) on 8,433 Part B and 6,082 Part E claims in FY 2025.

In addition to new incoming claims, overall workload is increasingly attributable to the cumulative number of claims previously adjudicated by the program from inception to present. The annually increasing cumulative number of these approved claims increases the workload related to ongoing case management, which is reflected in the consequential condition claims and medical authorization threads measures. Consequential condition claims, which are additional medical conditions claimed as a result of previously accepted medical conditions, continue to increase. If current trends continue, OWCP expects 28,014 consequential claims in FY 2025, up from 25,774 projected in FY 2024.

Medical pre-authorization requests (referred to as Threads in reporting tables) refer to the electronic communication between OWCP and the medical bill contractor for granting approval of incoming medical benefit requests for accepted medical conditions (for example, home health care, durable medical equipment, and other treatments). Medical pre-authorization requires OWCP's review, determination, and oversight. The program will also continue to use the centralization of services to improve, monitor, and manage the provision of home health care services.

**ENERGY EMPLOYEES OCCUPATIONAL ILLNESS
COMPENSATION PROGRAM ACT PART B**

BUDGET ACTIVITY BY OBJECT CLASS³					
(Dollars in Thousands)					
		FY 2023 Enacted	FY 2024 Estimate	FY 2025 Request	Diff. FY25 Request / FY24 Estimate
11.1	Full-time permanent	23,557	27,282	27,583	301
11.3	Other than full-time permanent	0	0	0	0
11.5	Other personnel compensation	485	485	485	0
11.9	Total personnel compensation	24,042	27,767	28,068	301
12.1	Civilian personnel benefits	9,051	10,415	10,548	133
13.0	Benefits for former personnel	0	0	0	0
21.0	Travel and transportation of persons	96	96	96	0
22.0	Transportation of things	14	14	14	0
23.1	Rental payments to GSA	527	527	527	0
23.2	Rental payments to others	0	0	0	0
23.3	Communications, utilities, and miscellaneous charges	204	204	204	0
24.0	Printing and reproduction	89	89	89	0
25.1	Advisory and assistance services	0	0	0	0
25.2	Other services from non-Federal sources	6,637	7,960	7,960	0
25.3	Other goods and services from Federal sources 1/	16,396	17,311	17,311	0
25.4	Operation and maintenance of facilities	3	3	3	0
25.5	Research and development contracts	0	0	0	0
25.7	Operation and maintenance of equipment	1,993	1,993	1,993	0
26.0	Supplies and materials	76	76	76	0
31.0	Equipment	42	42	42	0
41.0	Grants, subsidies, and contributions	0	0	0	0
42.0	Insurance claims and indemnities	35	35	35	0
	Total	59,205	66,532	66,966	434
	1/Other goods and services from Federal sources				
	Working Capital Fund	4,376	8,022	8,022	0
	DHS Services	145	145	145	0
	Services by DOL Agencies	10,435	7,704	7,704	0
	GSA Services	1,440	1,440	1,440	0

³ The FY 2023 level reflects the post-sequestration amount pursuant to the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985.

ENERGY EMPLOYEES OCCUPATIONAL ILLNESS COMPENSATION PROGRAM ACT PART B

CHANGES IN FY 2025

(Dollars in Thousands)

Activity Changes

Built-In

To Provide For:

Costs of pay adjustments	\$301
Personnel benefits	113
Employee health benefits	0
Moving allowance	0
Federal Employees' Compensation Act (FECA)	20
Benefits for former personnel	0
Travel and transportation of persons	0
Transportation of things	0
Rental payments to GSA	0
Rental payments to others	0
Communications, utilities, and miscellaneous charges	0
Printing and reproduction	0
Advisory and assistance services	0
Other services from non-Federal sources	0
Working Capital Fund	0
Other Federal sources (DHS Charges)	0
Other goods and services from Federal sources	0
Research & Development Contracts	0
Operation and maintenance of facilities	0
Operation and maintenance of equipment	0
Supplies and materials	0
Equipment	0
Grants, subsidies, and contributions	0
Insurance claims and indemnities	0

Built-Ins Subtotal **\$434**

Net Program **\$0**

Direct FTE **0**

	Estimate	FTE
Base	\$66,966	228
Program Increase	\$0	0
Program Decrease	\$0	0

**ENERGY EMPLOYEES OCCUPATIONAL ILLNESS
COMPENSATION PROGRAM ACT PART E**

BUDGET ACTIVITY BY OBJECT CLASS⁴					
(Dollars in Thousands)					
		FY 2023 Enacted	FY 2024 Estimate	FY 2025 Request	Diff. FY25 Request / FY24 Estimate
11.1	Full-time permanent	24,027	27,727	28,111	384
11.3	Other than full-time permanent	0	0	0	0
11.5	Other personnel compensation	595	595	595	0
11.8	Special personal services payments	0	0	0	0
11.9	Total personnel compensation	24,622	28,322	28,706	384
12.1	Civilian personnel benefits	9,179	10,535	10,696	161
13.0	Benefits for former personnel	147	147	147	0
21.0	Travel and transportation of persons	47	50	50	0
22.0	Transportation of things	2	2	2	0
23.0	Rent, Communications, and Utilities	0	0	0	0
23.1	Rental payments to GSA	1,359	1,359	1,359	0
23.2	Rental payments to others	0	0	0	0
23.3	Communications, utilities, and miscellaneous charges	100	100	100	0
24.0	Printing and reproduction	41	41	41	0
25.1	Advisory and assistance services	342	342	342	0
25.2	Other services from non-Federal sources	22,537	24,236	24,236	0
25.3	Other goods and services from Federal sources 1/	15,324	17,376	17,376	0
25.4	Operation and maintenance of facilities	0	0	0	0
25.5	Research and development contracts	0	0	0	0
25.7	Operation and maintenance of equipment	819	819	819	0
26.0	Supplies and materials	34	34	34	0
31.0	Equipment	14	14	14	0
41.0	Grants, subsidies, and contributions	0	0	0	0
42.0	Insurance claims and indemnities	0	0	0	0
	Total	74,567	83,377	83,922	545
	1/Other goods and services from Federal sources				
	Working Capital Fund	7,485	8,016	8,016	0
	DHS Services	378	378	378	0
	Services by DOL Agencies	6,605	8,126	8,126	0
	Services by Other Government Departments	856	856	856	0

⁴ The FY 2023 level reflects the post-sequestration amount pursuant to the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985.

ENERGY EMPLOYEES OCCUPATIONAL ILLNESS COMPENSATION PROGRAM ACT PART E

CHANGES IN FY 2025

(Dollars in Thousands)

Activity Changes

Built-In

To Provide For:

Costs of pay adjustments	\$384
Personnel benefits	143
Employee health benefits	0
Moving allowance	0
Federal Employees' Compensation Act (FECA)	18
Benefits for former personnel	0
Travel and transportation of persons	0
Transportation of things	0
Rental payments to GSA	0
Rental payments to others	0
Communications, utilities, and miscellaneous charges	0
Printing and reproduction	0
Advisory and assistance services	0
Other services from non-Federal sources	0
Working Capital Fund	0
Other Federal sources (DHS Charges)	0
Other goods and services from Federal sources	0
Research & Development Contracts	0
Operation and maintenance of facilities	0
Operation and maintenance of equipment	0
Supplies and materials	0
Equipment	0
Grants, subsidies, and contributions	0
Insurance claims and indemnities	0

Built-Ins Subtotal **\$545**

Net Program **\$0**

Direct FTE **0**

	Estimate	FTE
Base	\$83,922	229
Program Increase	\$0	0
Program Decrease	\$0	0