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Former Worker Program



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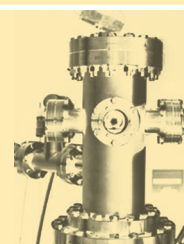
What is the Ames Laboratory-Former Worker Medical Screening Program (FWP)?

The FWP provides free medical screenings to all former employees of the Ames Laboratory who may be at-risk for health conditions as a result of exposure to hazardous or radioactive substances during their employment.

Workers may have been exposed to:

AGENTS/EXPOSURES

- Uranium
- Thorium
- Beryllium
- Asbestos
- Metals
- Radiation
- Solvents
- Noise



The Ames Laboratory-Former Worker Program (FWP) is conducted by The University of Iowa College of Public Health and funded by the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE).

HOW CAN I PARTICIPATE?

Please call us toll-free at 1-866-282-5818.

We will schedule your free medical screening appointment at a time and location that is convenient for you.

We will mail you a Health and Work History Questionnaire to complete.

QUESTIONS?

Please call us toll-free at 1-866-282-5818 or visit our website at www.iowafwp.org for information about the medical screening program and the EEOICP compensation program.

For more information about the EEOICP, you may also call the DOL Resource Center directly toll-free at 1-866-540-4977 or visit their web site at:

www.dol.gov/owcp/energy

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Who is eligible for the screenings?

All Ames Laboratory former employees are eligible for the free medical screening, no matter how long or short the employment period or current health status.

Those eligible include:

- scientific and technical staff
- undergraduate and graduate assistants
- administrative and clerical staff
- custodians
- construction workers or subcontractors

How do eligible former workers take part in the FWP?

All former workers are invited to take part in the medical screenings.

If interested or any questions, please call us toll-free at 1-866-282-5818. You may also fill out and mail the enclosed card.

Where are the medical screenings offered?

For those living in Iowa, medical screenings are provided by our staff and collaborating medical centers at the McFarland Clinic in Ames, University of Iowa in Iowa City, Great River Medical Center in Burlington and Henry County Health Center in Mount Pleasant.

We do home visits for homebound workers and can arrange for screenings at other locations in Iowa and throughout the country through DOE's National Supplemental Screening Program (NSSP).

What is included in the free medical screenings?

The screenings last one to two hours and includes:

MEDICAL SCREENING TESTS

- Review of medical history
- Chest X-ray
- Pulmonary Function Test (PFT)/Spirometry
- Blood tests, including Beryllium Lymphocyte Proliferation Test (BeLPT)

How will the screening benefit former workers?

The purpose of the medical screening is to detect work-related illness(es) as early as possible. Early detection can and does save lives.

The program has several benefits including the chance to:

- be checked by doctors trained in illnesses caused by work
- find out more about your health
- ask questions about past exposures at the Ames Laboratory
- learn what steps can be taken if a health condition is found

Is there a cost for participating in this program?

No, there is no cost for program enrollment or the medical screening tests. The free screening is provided to you by the DOE. Participation in this program is voluntary.

Who will get the results of the medical screening? How private are these results?

Former workers will get their results in the mail within two weeks to three months after their exam. If there are any abnormal results, we will provide recommendations for follow-up medical care, which may include additional tests or exams. Your personal doctor may do the follow-up evaluation or we can help you find a doctor.

The FWP does not pay for follow-up medical care and testing.

Your participation in this program will be considered confidential to the extent permitted by law. Your questionnaire responses will be used only by the Ames Laboratory-FWP staff for health risk assessment purposes.

If any medical screening results are published, no information that could personally identify any individuals will be included.

What about secrecy or classified information?

No one will be asked to give any classified information. Former workers should not answer any questions that they are concerned about.

How does the Ames Laboratory-FWP relate to the Department of Labor compensation program, EEOICPA?

A separate program, the Energy Employees Occupational Illness Compensation Program Act (EEOICPA) is a federal law that provides compensation to former workers who were potentially exposed to hazardous materials as a result of their work for DOE. The EEOICP is currently administered by the Department of Labor (DOL).

If the former worker's medical history and/or Ames Laboratory-FWP screening results suggest an occupational illness, then they may be used to support a claim for compensation for toxin- or radiation-induced occupational illnesses that may have resulted from work for the DOE, including sensitization to beryllium, chronic beryllium disease, asbestosis, pulmonary fibrosis, and radiogenic cancers.

Compensation includes a lump sum payment of \$150,000 and medical expenses related to accepted occupational illness and may be available to eligible workers or their surviving spouses or dependent children.

The Ames Laboratory-FWP medical screening is an independent and separate program from state and federal compensation programs, including the EEOICP.

Filing a claim with the DOL is a separate process from completing the Ames Laboratory-FWP Health and Work History Questionnaire.

The Ames Laboratory-FWP can provide claims forms and guidance on how to fill them out. Once the claim is filed, the Ames Laboratory-FWP has no further involvement with the claims process.

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Individuals with disabilities are encouraged to attend all University of Iowa-sponsored events. If you are a person with a disability who requires an accommodation in order to participate in this program, please contact Jill Welch in advance at 319-335-8494.

For More Information.....

If you are interested in learning more about the Ames Laboratory-FWP, please fill out your contact information and detach and mail this page.

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