

RECORD SOURCE CATEGORIES:

Subject individuals.

SYSTEM EXEMPTED FROM CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF THE ACT:

None.

DOE-71**SYSTEM NAME:**

The Radiation Accident Registry.

SECURITY CLASSIFICATION:

Unclassified.

SYSTEM LOCATION:

U.S. Department of Energy, Oak Ridge Operations Office, PO Box 2001, Oak Ridge, TN 37831.

CATEGORIES OF INDIVIDUALS COVERED BY THE SYSTEM:

Those persons accidentally exposed to acute dose of ionizing radiation as defined by exposure dose criteria agreed to by the Department of Energy (DOE) and the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) by an interagency agreement. The dose criteria established by this agreement include one or more of the following: Greater than or equal to 25 REM (Roentgen Equivalent in Man) to the whole body, active blood forming organs or gonads; greater than or equal to 600 REM to skin of the whole body or extremities; greater than or equal to 75 REM to other tissues or organs from an external source; and greater than or equal to 1/2 NCRP maximum permissible organ burden internally; all those medical administrations of radioisotopes that result in a dose or organ burden equal to or greater than those given above.

CATEGORIES OF RECORDS IN THE SYSTEM:

Official accident reports including reports of those accidents that have occurred within the jurisdiction of the NRC and have been transferred to the DOE for the Accident Registry according to the DOE/NRC agreement; names, addresses, social security numbers, date of birth, and sex; medical records compiled at the time of the accident (such records include physician and hospital records, diagnostic and laboratory test reports, radiographs, EKGs, and radiation exposure report); medical records of illnesses, examinations, including routine follow-up examinations, and investigations that have occurred since the radiation exposure; photographs or facsimiles of radiation-induced injuries; search and contact information for registrants not identified and/or located; consent to release information forms completed by registrants; death certificates; anecdotal information; and correspondence

relating to the accident and/or the individuals involved.

AUTHORITY FOR MAINTENANCE OF THE SYSTEM:

42 U.S.C. 7101 *et seq.*; 50 U.S.C. 2401 *et seq.*; DOE Order 5500.2B, Emergency Categories, Classes, and Notification and Reporting Requirements, April 30, 1991; 42 U.S.C. 7274i. Program to monitor Department of Energy workers exposed to hazardous and radioactive substances.

PURPOSE(S):

The information is maintained and used by the Department to provide a current record of radiation accidents; to identify specific populations for use in epidemiological and clinical studies; and to conduct medical surveillance during the lifetime of the registrants.

ROUTINE USES OF RECORDS MAINTAINED IN THE SYSTEM, INCLUDING CATEGORIES OF USERS AND THE PURPOSES OF SUCH USES:

1. A record from this system of records may be disclosed to a member of Congress submitting a request involving the constituent when the constituent has requested assistance from the member with respect to the subject matter of the record. The member of Congress must provide a copy of the constituent's request for assistance.
2. A record from this system of records may be disclosed to contractor personnel, grantees, and cooperative agreement holders of components of the Department of Health and Human Services, including the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health and the National Center for Environmental Health of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry to facilitate health hazard evaluations, epidemiological studies, or public health activities required by law pursuant to a Memoranda of Understanding between the Department and the Department of Health and Human Services or its components. Those provided information under this routine use are subject to the same limitations applicable to Department officers and employees under the Privacy Act.
3. A record from this system of records may be disclosed as a routine use to DOE contractors, grantees, participants in cooperative agreements, and collaborating researchers, or the employees of these parties, in performance of health studies or related health or environmental duties pursuant to their contracts, grants, and cooperating or collaborating research agreements; federal, state and local

health and medical agencies or authorities; to subcontractors in order to determine a subject's vital status or cause of death; to health care providers to verify a diagnosis or cause of death; or to third parties to obtain current addresses for participants in health-related studies, surveys and surveillances. Those provided information under this routine use are subject to the same limitations applicable to Department officers and employees under the Privacy Act.

4. A record from this system of records may be disclosed as a routine use to members of DOE advisory committees, the Department of Health and Human Services Advisory Committee on Projects Related to Department of Energy Facilities and to designated employees of federal, state, or local government or government-sponsored entities authorized to provide advice to the Department concerning health, safety, or environmental issues. Those provided information under this routine use are subject to the same limitations applicable to Department officers and employees under the Privacy Act.

5. A record from this system may be disclosed as a routine use for the purpose of an investigation, settlement of claims, or the preparation and conduct of litigation to a (1) person representing the Department in the investigation, settlement or litigation, and to individuals assisting in such representation; (2) others involved in the investigation, settlement, and litigation, and their representatives and individuals assisting those representatives; (3) witness, potential witness, or their representatives and assistants, and any other person who possesses information pertaining to the matter, when it is necessary to obtain information or testimony relevant to the matter.

6. A record from this system may be disclosed as a routine use in court or administrative proceedings to the tribunals, counsel, other parties, witnesses, and the public (in publicly available pleadings, filings or discussion in open court) when such disclosure: (1) Is relevant to, and necessary for, the proceeding; and (2) is compatible with the purpose for which the Department collected the records; and (3) the proceedings involve:

- (a) The Department, its predecessor agencies, current or former contractors of the Department, or other United States Government agencies and their components, or
- (b) A current or former employee of the Department and its predecessor agencies, current or former contractors