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workers find
the silver lining
in their love for
each other*

— Herman, Former Rocky Flats Worker



Our Patients, *Our Purpose*

Just as you selflessly served our country with your work in the atomic industry, we now have the honor and privilege to serve you.



— Roy, Former Nevada Test Site Worker, & his Nuclear Care Partners Care Team

We are grateful to be a part of this inspiring legacy of service.

We deeply value the connections we get to make with every former atomic worker and are honored to share their stories. Read on to hear more incredible stories from other former atomic workers.

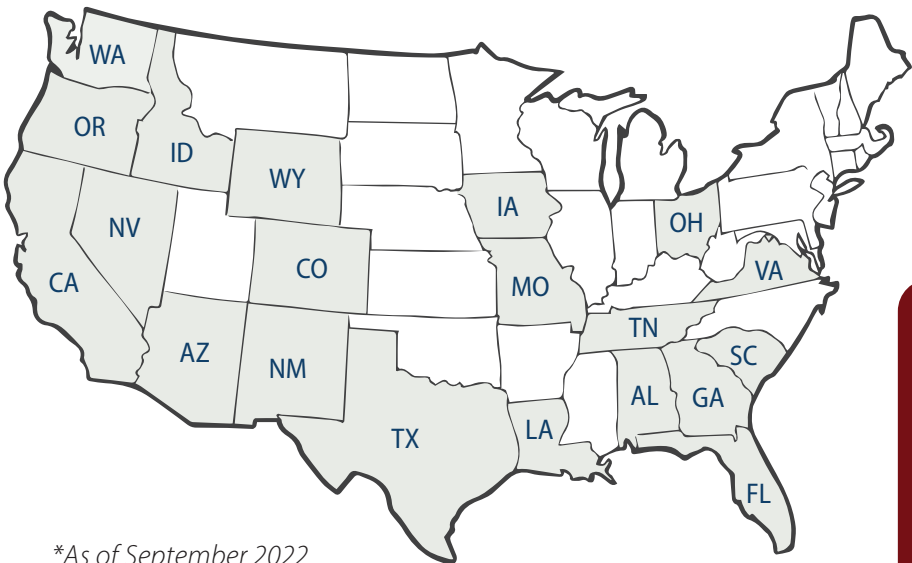
OUR MISSION

Nuclear Care Partners is transforming healthcare for the most vulnerable populations, starting with nuclear weapons workers. Together, we elevate the standard of care through our patient-centered approach.

OUR VISION

A world where patient-centered care is available to all through a healthcare system where patients are partners and families care for families.

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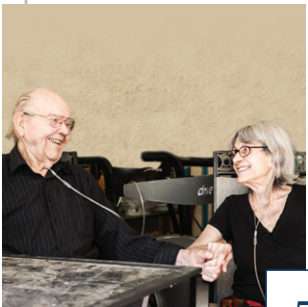
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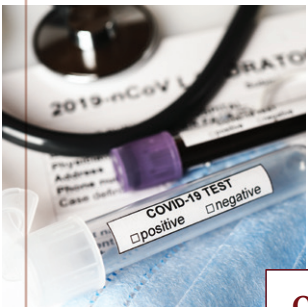
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Are You *Like Me?*

Our patients' stories are all as unique as their expansive work history in the atomic industry—from the positions they held to the sites they worked at. We celebrate our patients' extraordinary stories and are grateful to have been able to welcome them into our Nuclear Care Partners family.

We'd Love to Share Your Story!

If Nuclear Care Partners has made a difference in your life, give us a call! We believe in the importance of carrying out the legacy of our nation's atomic heroes by sharing the stories of their service and sacrifice to our nation.

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NAME:
Gene

SITE WORKED:
Savannah River Site, SC

POSITION HELD:
**Security & Maintenance
1978-2017**

EEOICPA DIAGNOSIS:
Neuropathy

NCP PATIENT SINCE:
2020

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My job at the Nevada Test Site was a good job and I truly enjoyed it. I knew that I was being exposed to radiation and other toxic things during my career, but at the time I didn't think too much about it. We think we'll never get weak, but I realized that I needed to step back and accept the help that was being given to me. And I'm so glad I did. My nurses are magnificent, they treat me so well. They keep me stable and when they come into my home they help me with everything I need.

NAME:
Mary

SITE WORKED:
**Nevada Test
Site, NV**

POSITION HELD:
**Heavy Equip. Operations
1973-1989**

EEOICPA DIAGNOSIS:
**COPD, Pneumoconiosis
& Sleep Apnea
(Consequential)**

NCP PATIENT SINCE:
2015



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NAME:
Larry

SITE WORKED:
**Uranium Mines of
Colorado & Utah**

POSITION HELD:
**Uranium Miner
16 years**

EEOICPA DIAGNOSIS:
**Silicosis, Pneumoconiosis,
Lung Cancer, Cardiac Cancer
& Pulmonary Fibrosis**

NCP PATIENT SINCE:
2017

“

I started working in the mines out in Utah when I was just 18 years old and enjoyed the people and the work very much. I'll never forget when Nuclear Care Partners found me and helped me through the qualification process for home care when I was in the hospital recovering from having cancer nodules removed from my lungs. I've never been so happy in my life to have someone care for me. Nuclear Care Partners is at the top of my list. I've got a life that I can still live and I want a quality of life, they give me that. They help me do the things I want to do. They really care.

”

MEET LESTER & MILDRED

Former LANL workers find the silver lining in their love for each other



MEET LESTER

Lester was born in May of 1932 in Portland, Oregon where he lived until 1950 when he moved to Seattle, Washington. A few years later, when Lester was just 23, he moved to Los Alamos, New Mexico where he was contracted by the University of California. Lester accepted a position under the Atomic Energy Commission at what was then named the Los Alamos Scientific Laboratories, now, the Los Alamos National Laboratory (LANL).

"I worked for several groups," Lester said as he reminisced on his years at the lab "and it was very enjoyable."

From the Nuclear Rocket Motor Development Group to isotope separation and bomb testing, Lester's skills as a draftsman and mechanical/electrical technician were vastly used, not only in Los Alamos, but in Nevada and California as well.

"In the mid 70's they sent me out to Las Vegas to do some work, and that's where I got some of the lung illnesses I was later diagnosed with." Lester worked for one of the last above ground shots before all of the testing went underground into tunnels. Unfortunately, the repercussions of working at Camp Mercury were greater than anyone knew.

In 1982, in the midst of traveling between different states for work, Lester joined a support group where he and Mildred met. A year and a half later they were married under a firework lit sky on New Year's Day, 1984.

MEET MILDRED

Mildred started her career at the Los Alamos National Laboratory as a secretary for the WX3 group where she resided for 2 years before transferring to the X Group in the Administration Building. There, Mildred's job functions as a computer technician included word processing and data analyzing. Dedicated to her work, Mildred spent the day working at LANL, then would attend classes to complete her degree in Secretary Skills and Office Management at the University of New Mexico. She finished her day in the computer lab until they closed. Mildred spent over 15 years at the lab and remembers meeting such pleasant and unique people during her stay. "I enjoyed my time at the lab very much."

In 1983, Mildred was diagnosed with breast cancer, and underwent a mastectomy only a few weeks after she and Lester married. **"I wanted to live so badly, because I had met such a fine man,"** she remembered.

Although the ramifications of their workplace exposure were not understood at the time, Lester and Mildred found the silver lining in their connection with one another while working at the Los Alamos National Laboratory.

WORKPLACE EXPOSURE

Regarding their exposure while working at LANL, Mildred explained that there were no safety protocols set in place like they have now. "Everyone was negligent. We had to read the office safety practices manual every year, but no one took it seriously," she recalled. **"No one knew the consequences of the toxins we were being exposed to,"** Lester added.

JOINING THE NUCLEAR CARE PARTNERS FAMILY

Prior to signing on with Nuclear Care Partners, Mildred already had her white card and was signed on with another company. Unfortunately, she was not receiving the care she needed and had recently gone four months without receiving any of her scheduled in-home nursing care. During these nurse-absent months, Lester received a postcard in the mail from Nuclear Care Partners inviting him to attend an informational seminar.

For Lester, this was the first step in getting the adequate care he needed, and for Mildred, a door was opened for her to finally receive the care she so desperately needed and deserved.

In the summer of 2021, Mildred made the switch and enjoyed a seamless transition to Nuclear Care Partners, where she is now receiving the compassionate and devoted care she needs.

After their initial meeting, Nuclear Care Partners helped Lester receive his DOL White Card by getting him connected to an Authorized Representative (AR), who was able to assist him through the filing process for benefits. With the complexities of filing an EEOICPA claim, it was important that Lester have an experienced advocate by his side. Nuclear Care Partners helped walk with Lester through the process from beginning to end until his claim was approved and his white card was in hand. The journey did not end there as Lester also joined the Nuclear Care Partners family as a patient, receiving care daily from his nurses. **"They are taking such good care of me and they've helped me very much"** Lester says.

Today, Lester and Mildred collectively receive 96 hours of home health care each week and have access to Nuclear Care Partners' support for any assistance they may need with their white card benefits including impairment ratings, consequential illnesses, durable medical equipment, and medical/travel reimbursements.



AN ATOMIC LOVE OF NEARLY 40 YEARS

With Lester's frequent travel during his service in the atomic industry, and Mildred's battle with cancer at such a young age, one can only imagine the dedication these two had and continue to have for each other. Through all of their trials and tribulations, Lester and Mildred knew their hearts belonged in Los Alamos, but more importantly to each other. Coming up on their 40th wedding anniversary, they have found that the secret to a long and happy marriage is to **stay present and connected with one another in all things**, cherishing each moment of the journey and each memory together.

Meet Brian

PROUD OAK RIDGE, TENNESSEE RESIDENT FOR OVER 70 YEARS

45 Years of Committed Service

At only 19 years old, Brian accepted his first position of what would become a 45-year-long career in the atomic industry. Over those four and a half decades, Brian worked at two sites, Y-12 and K-25, where he climbed the industrial hierarchy and eventually retired in 2012 as a Facilities Manager, at the Y-12 National Security Complex.

During his first five years at Y-12, Brian worked as a Machinist until he accepted a position at the nearby K-25 Gaseous Diffusion Plant as a Pipefitter. It was at K-25 that Brian enjoyed the next 13 years of what would become the most memorable part of his time in the atomic industry. Brian recalls, "My favorite memory was when I was a Pipefitter and a Welder. Myself and five other guys built an oil decontamination facility out of recycled and scrap materials found on the plant. We didn't have any budget, but after a few weeks working on it, we had a successful system."

After 13 years working at K-25, the plant was nearing closure, so Brian went back to Y-12 and continued the next three years in his career as Pipefitter until he was promoted to a Supervisor, then a Safety Engineer, then Federal Compliance Trainer, and eventually retiring as a Facilities Manager where he managed 1,600,000 square feet of the plant's grounds.



— Brian with local Nuclear Care Partners Nurse, Hannah

Adverse Impact of Working in the Atomic Industry

When asked about workplace exposure, Brian mentions, **"Most people knew the dangers, but everyone enjoyed their job so much that no one cared."** Around 1998, Brian began to experience extreme hearing loss, his first symptom of the repercussions of working in the atomic industry. Years later, he began to feel severe burning in his feet, which ultimately led to his Neuropathy diagnosis in 2002.

Connecting with Nuclear Care Partners

In remembering when Devin, Nuclear Care Partners' Tennessee Administrator, reached out to Brian about his benefits, Brian let out a chuckle, "I was so tired of insurance companies calling and ruining my day I would play a little prank to get them to stop calling. But once Devin explained who he was and the mission of Nuclear Care Partners I was very interested!" Brian was so relieved to have the support and help he needed, and since he already received his White Card, the transition to becoming a patient with Nuclear Care Partners was seamless. "My experience [with Nuclear Care Partners] has been great! They dug into my work history to see what kind of toxins I could have been exposed to receive additional care and compensation." Brian also mentions, "I still work with Devin! He is currently working on getting some sinus and breathing troubles added to my white card."

In gratitude for the positive impact the team has had on his health and his life, Brian shares, "I've referred over 25 of my former colleagues to Nuclear Care Partners and after they get connected they always call me back and tell me they've had great results!"

Present Day

Today, Brian continues to call Oak Ridge home where he enjoys rides on his motorcycle, camping, spending time with family, and indulging in his family's beloved traditional southern cuisine.



DEDICATED TO OUR PATIENTS

As a community of healthcare professionals that care deeply about our nation's Atomic Heroes, we are fulfilled by being a part of something bigger than ourselves. As we continue to grow, we remain committed to our founding mission—to elevate the standard of care for former nuclear weapons workers through our patient-centered approach to care.

We are captivated by the stories of our former workers, who sacrificed their health—often unknowingly—to protect our country. Serving them and honoring their stories is a gift, and is what makes our mission so important and so special. We are grateful to be a part of this inspiring legacy of service.

Hear from our teams about why they love serving Atomic Heroes, and what it means to them to be Dedicated to our Patients.



— Gail, Former Atomic Worker

“I enjoy working with the atomic patients because to me, my position is not just a job, it's personal. I enjoy getting to care for our patients and as a Chaplain, I'm skilled in offering emotional/grief support, so I can be a comfort to them. I also enjoy the opportunity to help with everyday tasks. I love hearing our patients' stories—from their childhood to their work history, and all of their accomplishments in between.

Our patients are incredibly special people, and it's a blessing to hear about their journey and be a part of their lives.”

Felina, HHA | New Mexico
Member of the NCP Family Since 2022

“I love working at Nuclear Care Partners because of the individual care we provide for the patients that once served in the atomic industry. Each patient has a remarkable story to tell and I am proud to be able to listen to their stories and be a part of improving their health and keep them feeling good.”

Caren, RN | Nevada
Member of the NCP Family Since 2019

“I'm very grateful to be a Nuclear Care Partners nurse, caring for my patient's complete person, keeping him safe and happy and enabling him to stay in his home. He's a very interesting man, with many life stories, is a gentleman and as energetic as his health allows. He is receiving the respect and help he deserves for the price he paid, while serving our country in the atomic energy arena. I am so happy to get to be a part of helping him stay in his home, with all the help he needs. There really is no place like home.”

Mary, RN | California
Member of the NCP Family Since 2019

“I am passionate about assisting people with their activities of daily living. Joining Nuclear Care Partners has therefore afforded me the opportunity not only to help others, but to assist those who have sacrificed their energies, health, and life in test sites for the protection and defense of the nation and the world at large. I am motivated to work harder each day by the smiles and stories of these heroes. It is humbling that even with health challenges, these heroes remain proud of the sacrifices they have made.”

Fidelis, CNA | Nevada
Member of the NCP Family Since 2021



— Herman, Former Rocky Flats Worker

ASK THE EXPERTS: Adding COVID-19 to Your White Card as a Consequential Illness

Written by Autumn Bentley MSN, Nevada Clinical Director







Could you add COVID-19 to your White Card as a consequential illness?
According to the Department of Labor, it is possible. But, you do not have to do it alone.

We can help you!

Understanding Your Risk Factors for COVID-19

COVID-19 is a viral infection that attacks the respiratory system. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) older adults are at the highest risk for severe illness from COVID-19. Age is not the only risk factor which increases your risk of severe illness. Other risk factors include, but are not limited to:

-  **Chronic Lung Disease**
 - COPD
 - Asthma
 - Pulmonary Fibrosis
 - Pulmonary Hypertension
-  **Heart Disease**
 - Hypertension
 - Heart Failure
 - Coronary Artery Disease
-  **Cancer**
-  **Kidney Disease**

Qualification for a COVID-19 Consequential

A consequential condition is not a primary illness caused from exposure at an atomic site, but a condition which is *caused by the primary illness*. Adding COVID-19 as a consequential condition to your White Card could mean a possible increase in your impairment rating resulting in additional compensation!

Questions to ask before filing for a consequential:

- 1. Have you been approved for a primary lung diagnosis on your White Card and have you been diagnosed with COVID-19?**
Primary diagnoses include, but not limited to, COPD, Chronic Beryllium Disease, Asbestosis, Pneumoconiosis, etc.
- 2. Did the diagnosis date for the consequential condition come after the primary diagnosis?**

If you answered **YES** to both of these questions you could qualify!

How to File a COVID-19 Consequential Claim

- 1. Obtain documented proof of your COVID-19 diagnosis from wherever you received your COVID-19 test.**

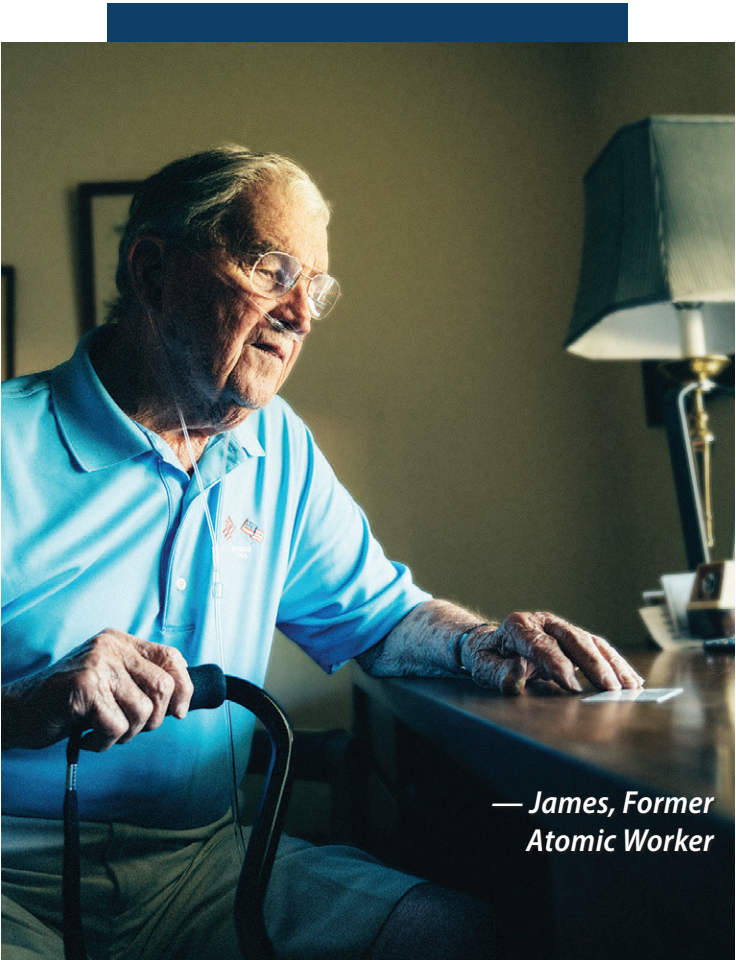
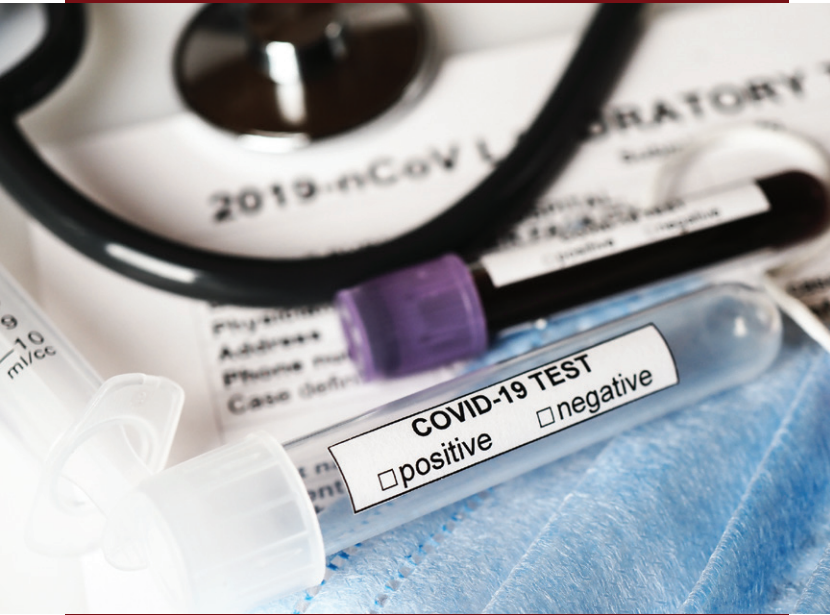
If you are a patient on services with Nuclear Care Partners, also notify your local branch of your COVID-19 diagnosis and that you are requesting to have it added as a consequential condition to your White Card.

- 2. Make an appointment with your signing Department of Labor (DOL) physician.** At this appointment it's very important that your physician links COVID-19 to your primary illness.

As a patient on services with us, we can have a nurse attend this appointment with you, if you would like.

- 3. Send your documents & medical records either to the Authorized Representative you used for your primary illness, or directly to the DOL (if you did not use an AR), letting them know you would like to add COVID-19 as a consequential to your White Card.**

We can assist you with obtaining the needed records and contacting your Authorized Representative (if one was utilized to obtain your White Card) to have your claim submitted to the DOL.



— James, Former Atomic Worker

Next Steps

Once you have submitted the proper documentation to the Department of Labor, or once your Authorized Representative has prepared and submitted your case, the DOL will review all necessary documentation and medical records. After their review and decision (accepted or denied), you will be notified via mail.

It is important to keep in mind that it can take many months for this process to be completed. There is a risk that your case could go into clarification, meaning the DOL will need additional information/evidence to support your case, in which case, please reach out to us for any further help, if needed.

If you have been diagnosed with COVID-19, we encourage you to call us to learn about how you may be able to receive additional compensation and add COVID-19 to your white card!

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Y-12 NATIONAL SECURITY COMPLEX

Atomic History

Shortly before US involvement in WWII, the US government began operations to produce the vital elements needed to make a new kind of weapon: the atomic bomb. This was in response to fears that scientists in Nazi Germany were also working towards the development of atomic weapons. This highly secretive effort was later referred to as the Manhattan Project, which operated in three primary locations: Hanford, Washington, Los Alamos, New Mexico, and Oak Ridge, Tennessee. Additionally, there were other infrastructure sites that supported the mining of uranium, the extraction of plutonium from uranium, and the production of uranium-235 — an isotope comprising less than 1% of naturally occurring uranium, through enrichment.

The area and city known today as Oak Ridge, Tennessee was selected as a production site in September of 1942. In February of 1943, construction began on a planned city and industrial complex that would eventually cover 90 square-miles. Within Oak Ridge, the electromagnetic isotope separation facility codenamed Y-12, a complex comprising 270 buildings, housed the operation and workers tasked with enriching uranium. The site is considered the birthplace of the atomic bomb.

At its peak, Y-12 employed over 22,000 men and women. Jobs at the plant included research and development, manufacturing, production, laboratory work, and support.

After the production of the materials for the first atomic bombs during WWII, the missions of the Y-12 National Security Complex, as it came to be known, were to:

1. Maintain safety and security of nuclear weapons stockpile
2. Reduce global threat of nuclear war and terrorism
3. Provide feedstock or stockpile to fuel the US nuclear Navy

Y-12 National Security Complex Statistics as of 08/28/2022



48,080 Total EEOICPA claims filed

16,395 Total number of unique workers who have filed

\$3,802,513,022 Total compensation & medical bills paid



Control panels & operators for calutrons at the Y-12 Plant in Oak Ridge, TN. During the Manhattan Project the operators worked in shifts covering 24 hours a day. Gladys Owens, the woman seated at right closest to the camera, was unaware of the purpose & consequence of her work until seeing the photo of herself while taking a public tour of the facility nearly 60 years later.

PHOTO & DESCRIPTION SOURCE:
Ed Westcott / US Army / Manhattan Engineering District

Mission 1: Maintain safety and security of nuclear weapons stockpile

There were four main components to this mission; production, surveillance testing, disassembly, and storage. Production involved the making of new elements, as well as a process called refurbishment, that combined new components with recycled materials. Surveillance testing was used to monitor how weapons in the stockpile were aging and disassembly separated materials of retired weapons and recuperating their nuclear parts.

Mission 2: Reduce global threat of nuclear war and terrorism

Along with the removal and security of nuclear materials, undertakings to reduce the global threat of nuclear war included making certain weapons material available for non-war uses, such as fueling nuclear research reactors and the production of medical components. The Y-12 Complex works closely with the National Nuclear Security Administration (NNSA) along with other federal agencies to securely protect and guard nuclear materials. Through NNSA's Office of Material Management and Minimization, Y-12 secures and transports materials for safe storage or disposal.

Mission 3: Provide stockpile to fuel the US Nuclear Navy

In an agreement with NNSA's Naval Reactors Office, Y-12 has, and will continue their endeavor to provide highly enriched uranium (stockpile) to fuel the US Navy's nuclear powered aircrafts and submarines. In addition to assisting the Nuclear Navy, Y-12 will soon be able to use nuclear weapons stockpiles to replace conventional x-rays.

OTHER FACTS ABOUT Y-12

- In addition to Y-12 and K-25, the Graphite Reactor was built at X-10 (later Oak Ridge National Lab), which was the world's first nuclear reactor for production.
- The same machines at Y-12 that separated uranium during WWII, were used post war to produce the world's first stable isotopes used in the medical field, particularly cancer treatment.
- Uranium-235 was lighter than Uranium-238 and could be isolated by placing a collecting pocket in its path.

Special thanks to

Oak Ridge History Museum

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Little Boy

The ending of World War II was largely credited to the dropping atomic bomb, "Little Boy" over Hiroshima, Japan on August 6th, 1945. However, production of the atomic weapon required uranium-235, a highly enriched uranium, and a significant element needed to properly detonate the weapon. Since uranium-235 makes up only 1 part in 140 of natural uranium, necessary enrichment of the uranium was performed at the Y-12 National Security Complex. The first 200g shipment of highly enriched uranium was sent to the Los Alamos Laboratory, where the rest of production took place, in June 1944.

Present Day

Y-12 continues to bolster national security today as a one-of-a-kind industrial asset in the production, processing, and storage of defense related materials. It continues its responsibility for stewardship of nuclear materials stockpile and also assists in nuclear non-proliferation.



During the Manhattan Project, Y-12 housed nine Alpha & eight Beta racetracks, which were arrangements of huge electromagnets containing a number of calutrons in the magnets' gaps.

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ASK THE EXPERTS: ASBESTOSIS

Diagnosis Education, Symptoms, Medication & Treatment

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Asbestos Exposure

Asbestos is a mineral product from nature that is resistant to corrosion and heat. Prior to the 1970s, asbestos was used extensively in construction. At atomic sites across the country such as the Hanford Site in Richland, Washington, asbestos was commonly used in products like floor tiles, wall and ceiling insulation, boiler linings, and pipe insulation. Undamaged non-friable asbestos does not pose a health risk and should be left undisturbed, however, asbestos does pose a health risk when it is disturbed, primarily through demolition when asbestos fibers become airborne.

What is Asbestosis?

Asbestosis is a chronic lung disease caused by respiratory exposure to asbestos fibers. Prolonged exposure can result in lung scarring which contributes to shortness of breath. Symptoms can range from mild with shortness of breath only with exertion, to severe enough to require oxygen supplementation.

Lung diseases are often divided into two main categories: obstructive and restrictive. Both types can cause shortness of breath but through different mechanisms of action. *Let's compare the two types:*

OBSTRUCTIVE LUNG DISEASE

Obstructive diseases make it **difficult to fully exhale** – the lungs have obstructions that prevent air from coming out or comes out slowly.

Impact on Lung Function

- Alveoli expand with breaths but are **unable to deflate** or deflate very slowly.
- Lung volumes increase as air moves into the space but **air cannot easily move out**.
- Shortness of breath happens **because the lungs are full**—air cannot be expelled, and no more air can get in.

Common Diseases

- COPD
- Emphysema
- Asthma
- Asbestosis

Treatment Options Include

Medications, often inhaled, that focus on opening narrow passages and relaxing smooth muscles within the lung.

RESTRICTIVE LUNG DISEASE

Restrictive diseases **make it difficult to fully inhale** – the lungs are restricted from fully expanding.

Impact on Lung Function

- Alveoli deflate but **cannot properly inflate** due to fibrosis or scarring.
- Lungs become “stiff” and **expansion is restricted**.
- Shortness of breath happens because the **lungs cannot get enough air in**.

Common Diseases

- Pulmonary Fibrosis
- Pneumoconiosis
- Interstitial Lung Disease
- Asbestosis

Treatment Options Include

Treatment options are fewer and typically focus on reducing inflammation. Oxygen therapy is also used to maintain blood oxygen levels.



— Robert, Former Hanford Worker

Asbestosis: Obstructive & Restrictive

If you look closely, some diseases such as asbestosis are often classified as **both** obstructive and restrictive. This means people with asbestosis can have trouble getting enough air in AND getting the air back out.

Treatment often includes a combination of inhalers to relax smooth muscles, open airways and allow for lung expansion in combination with medications such as oxygen to augment blood oxygen levels.

Nuclear Care Partners’ **BreatheBetter Respiratory Care Program** can help former atomic workers with asbestosis and other lung disabilities. The goal of this program is to maximize health, well-being and quality of life by improving lung health through respiratory education, breathing exercises, supporting proper use of inhalers, symptom management and more.



Breathe Better & Enjoy a Higher Quality of Life!

- Receive education on your specific disease and disease process.
- Learn from a BreatheBetter nurse and practice a variety of lung exercises to help with your breathing.
- Find comfort in knowing that we will advocate for you and your lung health needs to your physician(s).
- Learn how to properly use and care for your inhalers, concentrators, and other medications and devices.



— Terry, Former Atomic Worker

If you have been diagnosed with asbestosis, or any other lung diseases, due to your workplace exposure at an atomic site, give us a call today to see how we can help!

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OVERTURNING A DENIED EEOICPA CLAIM

By Elizabeth Brooks, Independent Advocate for Nuclear Workers & Survivors
With Energy Employee Claims Specialists 609-515-2221



Are you a former Department of Energy worker who filed an EEOICPA claim and has been denied?

Don't get discouraged!

Why did my claim get denied?

There are many reasons your claim could have been denied. Some reasons may include incomplete verification of employment, lack of medical evidence, insufficient information regarding exposure to toxic substances, or the condition you were diagnosed with could not be linked to your workplace exposure. Because there are many challenges associated with reversing a denied claim, we encourage you to reach out to your Authorized Representative (AR) to assist in the reopening process.

What does the denial overturn process look like?

Your AR will pinpoint reasons for the denial and help with collecting supporting documents to rewrite the request for an overturn. Once the written request has been submitted, there is approximately a 90 day waiting period for your reopening request to be evaluated. If a claim examiner finds sufficient evidence for the claim to be reopened, the denial will be discarded and a new written request will be sent back to the district office for re-approval.

What does it cost to work with an AR?

If you **are filing a new claim** with an Authorized Representative, they will receive 2% of the total compensation, payable **after** the claim is approved. If compensation was not received, then there is no charge. For complex cases involving reopening of a denied claim, an AR may charge up to 10% of the monies awarded in the settlement.

If you have questions about overturning a denied claim, contact Nuclear Care Partners to be connected with a reputable Authorized Representative like Elizabeth Brooks!

800.295.5846

— Terry, Former Atomic Worker



About Energy Employee Claims Specialists

We pride ourselves on accepting the challenge of these difficult cases. We have the experience and the know-how to get the job done. We are in it to win!

- We excel in our field with over 10 years experience in the filing of new and previously denied claims.
- We have the “know how” and the resources to get the job done and we are in it to win!
- Registered Nurse owned and operated with a team of medical specialists to expedite your claim!



Filing for the First Time?

Nuclear Care Partners recommends working with our local EEOICPA Benefits Experts to be connected with reputable and knowledgeable resources for first-time filings so you can avoid a denial!

COMMONLY DENIED CONDITIONS INCLUDE:

Cancers

- Bile ducts
- Bone
- Brain
- Breast
- Colon
- Esophagus
- Gallbladder
- Leukemia
- Liver
- Lung
- Lymphomas
- Multiple Myeloma
- Ovary
- Pancreas
- Pharynx
- Prostate
- Renal
- Salivary gland
- Skin
- Small intestine
- Stomach
- Thyroid
- Urinary bladder

Lung Disease

- Asbestosis
- Chronic Beryllium Disease
- Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease (COPD)
- Interstitial Lung Disease
- Pneumoconiosis
- Pulmonary Fibrosis
- Silicosis

Other Systems

- Chronic Kidney Disease
- Neuropathy
- Parkinson's Disease

MAKING A DIFFERENCE *One Patient Experience at a Time*

At Nuclear Care Partners, we celebrate those who are making an impact in the lives of former atomic workers and are honored to be a part of their health journey. With our patient-focused care, our teams are able to build meaningful relationships with our patients and their families as they embody our core values—**We Do the Right Thing, We Own It, We Make Connections,** and **We are Kind.**

We are grateful for all of the compassionate and devoted team members who are making a difference in the lives of former atomic workers, nationwide!

Check out some of the heartfelt stories our patients have shared about the connections they have with their care team!



Anne, Nurse

Submitted By: William, Former Nevada Test Site Worker

“Anne is friendly, cares for my health, and knows exactly what to do if I get in medical trouble. She saved me from a heart problem and explained the medical lingo. I am going in for a double bypass and am completely relaxed after she explained what is going to be done and what to expect. She ordered the necessary items to keep me safe at home and when I am out. She saw where I had medical signs that meant heart problems and had me contact my doctor to get X-rays and scans that showed blockages that later resulted in a heart attack. I was in the hospital for almost a month and died on the table while the doctors were attempting to place stents. I wouldn't be here today without her informing me of what I needed to do. Kudos to Anne!

Kim, RN, FCM

Submitted By: Kalina, Former Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory Worker

“I've had NCP nurses before Kim, but she is exceptional. I never realized I was depressed until Kim helped me do what I wasn't able to do. I had chemo fog and the slightest challenge to my brain paralyzed me to inactivity. Bills and messages mounted and untold chores piled upwards. I couldn't get a leg up until Kim helped me sort things out - slowly but surely. She showed me how to remember, how to remind myself, how to keep at a task, and how to keep going. She did all these things while keeping humor, joy, and excitement in her demeanor. Yet we did the mundane tasks as well - the routine checkups and reminders of the things I was supposed to remember to do! I was able to regain some of my memory abilities, but to get any back was amazing! I just can't say enough good things about Nurse Kim except that to me, she's a really great nurse!



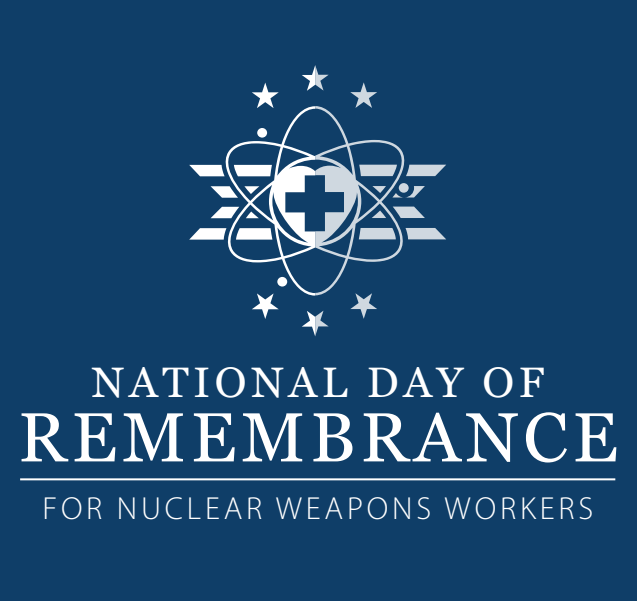
Mandy, Assistant Clinical Director

Submitted By: Rose, Former Sandia National Laboratory Worker

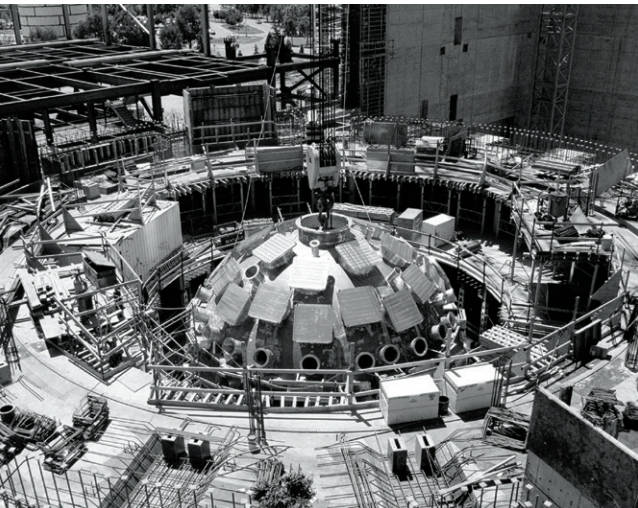
“Mandy always goes above and beyond to ensure my care is addressed properly and makes time to discuss issues of concern with me. I depend on Mandy very heavily and am extremely pleased that she never hesitates to accompany me, upon my request, to my medical appointments as an advocate. I've always considered Mandy to be the Clinical Director, not an Assistant Clinical Director, because I expect Mandy to be in control of my health and communicating with me on behalf of Nuclear Care Partners, at all times. Mandy is a person with exceptional executive skills and interpersonal relations.

If you are interested in nominating a special Nuclear Care Partners employee we would love to hear from you!
Visit www.nuclearcarepartners.com/Be-The-Difference

We greatly appreciate your feedback, and look forward to hearing your story!



HONORING OUR NATION'S ATOMIC HEROES



On October 30th, we pause in humble gratitude and recognition of the National Day of Remembrance (NDOR) for Nuclear Weapons Program Workers.



This year marks the 13th commemoration made to the hundreds of thousands of men and women who worked in the United States' nuclear weapons complex.

On this day of remembrance, Nuclear Care Partners recognizes the contributions made by nuclear weapons workers and honors their commitment and the sacrifices they made in building and maintaining the nation's nuclear defense. For many years, the scope of these sacrifices had largely gone unrecognized. While our nation enjoyed the freedoms afforded by these efforts, the effects of working with nuclear materials and being exposed to various chemicals, toxins, and hazards had a significant cost in the health of these nuclear workers.

While we can never thank these individuals adequately for what they've done, we'd like to take this day to commemorate their heroism and patriotism as we continue in our commitment to provide them with the highest quality of care.



To learn more about how Nuclear Care Partners is celebrating the National Day of Remembrance, call 800.295.5846.



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It's a privilege to celebrate the history of the Y-12 Plant, the atomic heroes that worked there, and the legacy they have created.

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