

U.S. Department of Labor (DoL) Program to Compensate Radiation Workers for Occupational Illness is Still Active

DoL has an ongoing program to compensate workers who worked with radiation or beryllium and later contracted occupational illness (e.g cancer or lung disease). This covers government funded facilities (national labs and private companies). ***Employees or contractors who worked at General Atomics, La Jolla, for an aggregate of 250 work days from January 1, 1960 through December 31, 1969, and developed one of the listed occupational illnesses, may be eligible for compensation to cover medical expenses, lost wages, etc.*** The compensation can be substantial – by the end of 2014, DoL paid out \$18.4 million on behalf of GA employees. People who may be eligible (or their survivors), can get all the info they need from a user friendly website **dol.gov/owcp/energy** which should take you to a page titled “Division of Energy Employees Occupation Illness Compensation (DEEOIC)”. The national toll free number is 866-888-3322 or district office (Seattle) at 888-805-3401 if you need more help.