

**Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the
U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) and the
State of South Carolina**

1. PURPOSE

The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) and the South Carolina Workers' Compensation Commission (SCWCC) enter into this agreement to facilitate coordination and cooperation between the parties under subtitle D of the Energy Employees Occupational Illness Compensation Program Act of 2000 (Act) (Pub.L.106-398).

2. AGREEMENT AND UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN DOE AND THE STATE

DOE and the South Carolina Workers' Compensation Commission (SCWCC) enter into this agreement to facilitate operation of the DOE contractor worker assistance program, established pursuant to subtitle D of the Act, under which DOE may assist former or current contractor employees in filing claims under the State's workers' compensation system.

1. Pursuant to subtitle D, the DOE will provide assistance to DOE contractor employees in filing claims under the South Carolina Workers' Compensation Commission (SCWCC) for an illness caused by exposure to a toxic substance at a DOE facility in accordance with the process set forth at 10 CFR Part 852.
2. A positive determination pursuant to Part 852 has no effect on the scope of State workers' compensation proceedings, the conditions for compensation, or the rights and obligations of the participants in the proceeding; provided that consistent with subtitle D such a determination will prevent DOE and may prevent a DOE contractor from contesting an applicant's workers' compensation claim.

3. AREAS OF COOPERATION

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1. DOE agrees to promptly notify the SCWCC designated representative, Alicia K. Clawson, Executive Director, SCWCC, of workers' compensation claims that DOE has accepted as DOE work-related illnesses caused by exposure to toxic substances in response to a request for such information by the Commission.
 2. Upon request by the DOE, the SCWCC agrees to provide, in a timely manner, information concerning the status or outcome of a workers' compensation claim filed with the SCWCC by a DOE contractor employee or the employee's estate.

4. IMPLEMENTATION

The DOE official responsible for implementation of this agreement is the Office of Environment, Safety & Health
The SCWCC official responsible for the implementation of this agreement is Alicia K. Clawson, Executive Director.

5. IMPLEMENTATION

This Agreement may be amended or modified upon written agreement by both parties to the Agreement. The Agreement may be terminated upon ninety (90) days written notice by either party.

6. EFFECTIVE DATE

This Agreement is effective when signed by both parties.

Beverly A. Cook
Department of Energy

Dated: 1-24-03

Alicia K. Clawson
Alicia K. Clawson, Executive Director
South Carolina Workers' Compensation Commission

Dated: January 24, 2003