

Basic Claims Examiner (CE) Training Course

Issuing Recommended Decisions

PARTICIPANT GUIDE

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Session Description


This session addresses the five elements of the Recommended Decision (RD) and provides some general tips and guidance on how to write a solid RD.

Instructional Objectives

Upon completion of this session, you will be able to:

- List the elements of a Recommended Decision
- Describe what information must be included under each element of the Recommended Decision

District Office (DO) Authority



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District Office Authority

- The District Office (DO) and CE2 Unit have the authority to make determinations with regard to compensability and issue Recommended Decisions (RD) with respect to EEOICPA claims.
- The DO is authorized to recommend the acceptance or denial of a claim for benefits under the EEOICPA.

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Types of Recommended Decisions



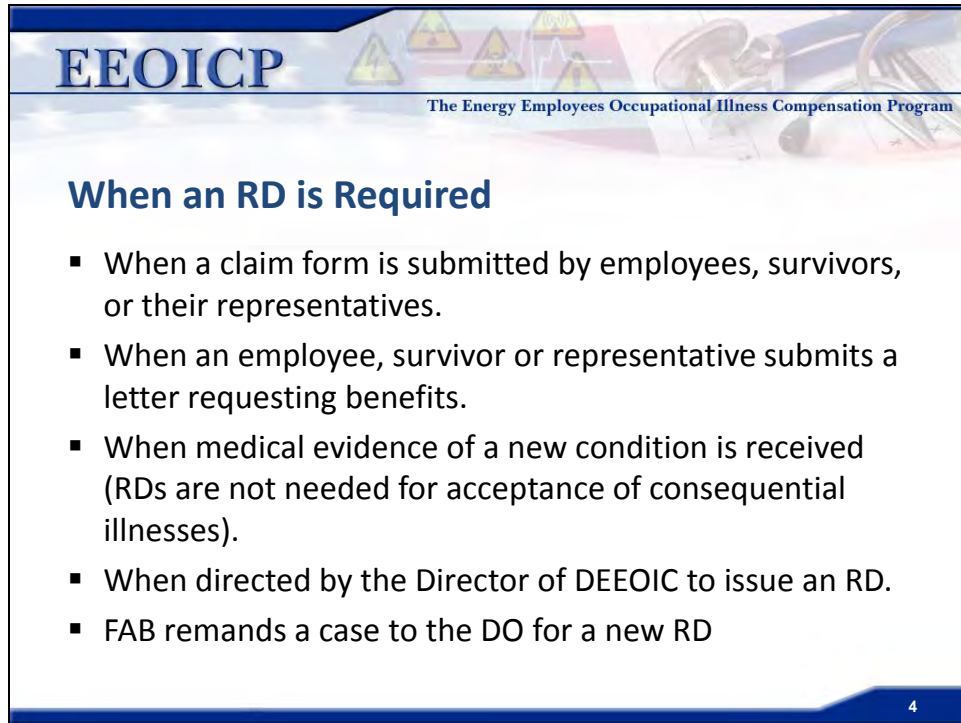
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Types of Recommended Decisions

Accept in full	The entire case file can be accepted and no outstanding case elements need further development
Deny in full	Development on all areas of the case has been completed and is being denied.
Partial Accept/ Partial Develop	A case element is ready for acceptance, but other elements require further development
Partial Accept/ Partial Develop/ Partial Deny	One portion of the case is in posture for acceptance and another portion is in posture for denial, while a third portion requires additional development
Partial Accept/ Partial Deny	Development is complete on all elements of the case. Part of the case is to be accepted and part of the case is to be denied.

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When an RD is Required

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When an RD is Required

- When a claim form is submitted by employees, survivors, or their representatives.
- When an employee, survivor or representative submits a letter requesting benefits.
- When medical evidence of a new condition is received (RDs are not needed for acceptance of consequential illnesses).
- When directed by the Director of DEEOIC to issue an RD.
- FAB remands a case to the DO for a new RD

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The claimant's letter requesting benefits can be accepted as "words of claim" but a claim form must be filed before adjudication can be completed.

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Components/Sections of the RD

The RD consists of these sections:

- Header,
- Introduction,
- Statement of Case,
- Findings of Fact, and
- Conclusions of Law.

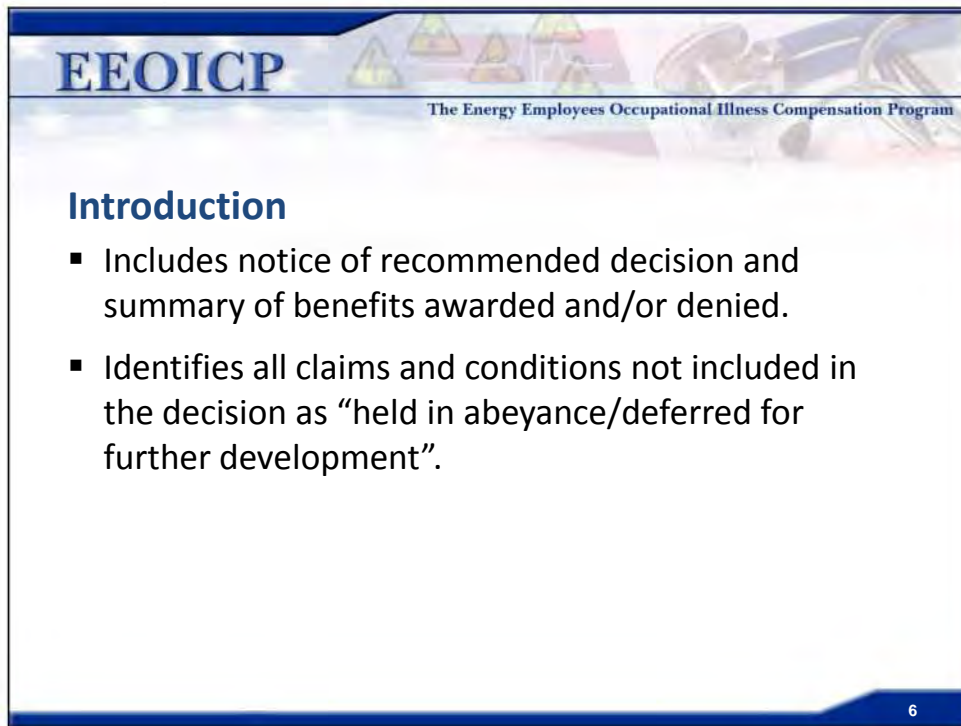
Header



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Your Notes

Introduction

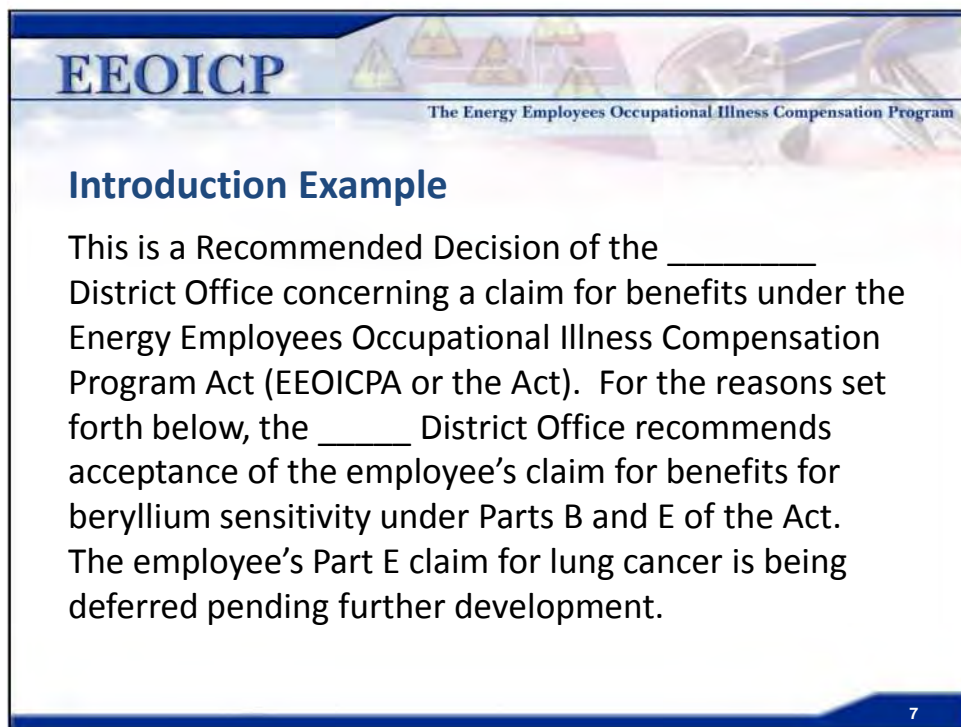
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Introduction

- Includes notice of recommended decision and summary of benefits awarded and/or denied.
- Identifies all claims and conditions not included in the decision as “held in abeyance/deferred for further development”.

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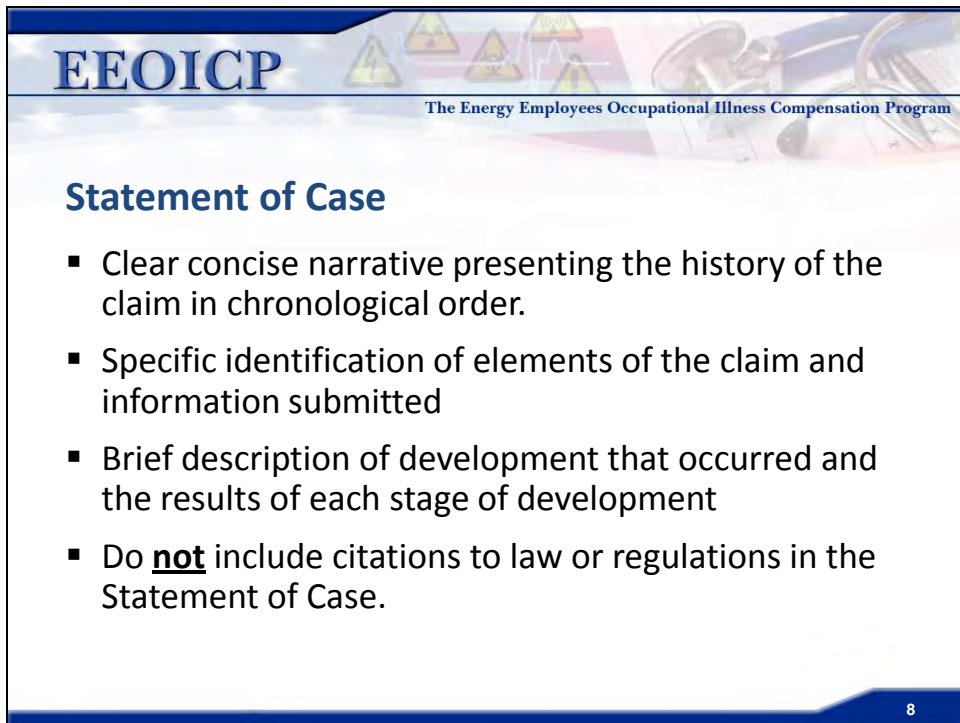
Introduction Example

This is a Recommended Decision of the _____ District Office concerning a claim for benefits under the Energy Employees Occupational Illness Compensation Program Act (EEOICPA or the Act). For the reasons set forth below, the _____ District Office recommends acceptance of the employee’s claim for benefits for beryllium sensitivity under Parts B and E of the Act. The employee’s Part E claim for lung cancer is being deferred pending further development.

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Your Notes

Statement of Case

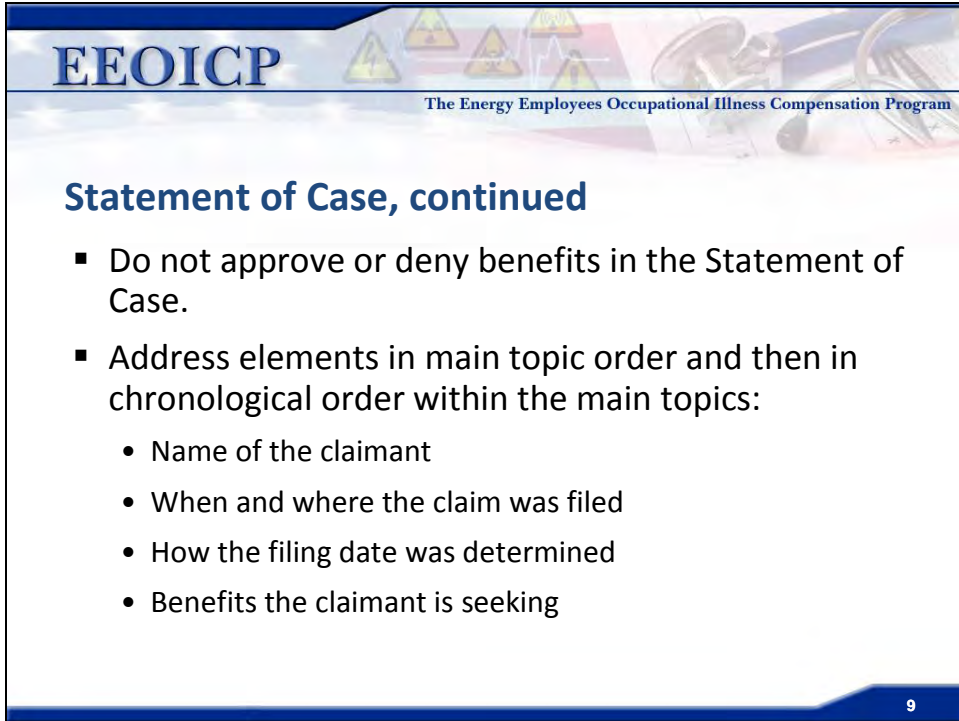
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Statement of Case

- Clear concise narrative presenting the history of the claim in chronological order.
- Specific identification of elements of the claim and information submitted
- Brief description of development that occurred and the results of each stage of development
- Do **not** include citations to law or regulations in the Statement of Case.

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Statement of Case, continued

- Do not approve or deny benefits in the Statement of Case.
- Address elements in main topic order and then in chronological order within the main topics:
 - Name of the claimant
 - When and where the claim was filed
 - How the filing date was determined
 - Benefits the claimant is seeking

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Survivorship



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Survivorship

In the case of a survivor claim, established relationship of the claimant to the employee.

- Death Certificate
- Identify birth and adoption certificates
 - Parent's names
 - Date of birth (Part E decision)
- Marriage certificates
- Divorce decree (employee and/or spouse, if applicable)
- Evidence supporting parent-step child relationship
- Evidence supporting "covered" child under Part E

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Your Notes

Employment

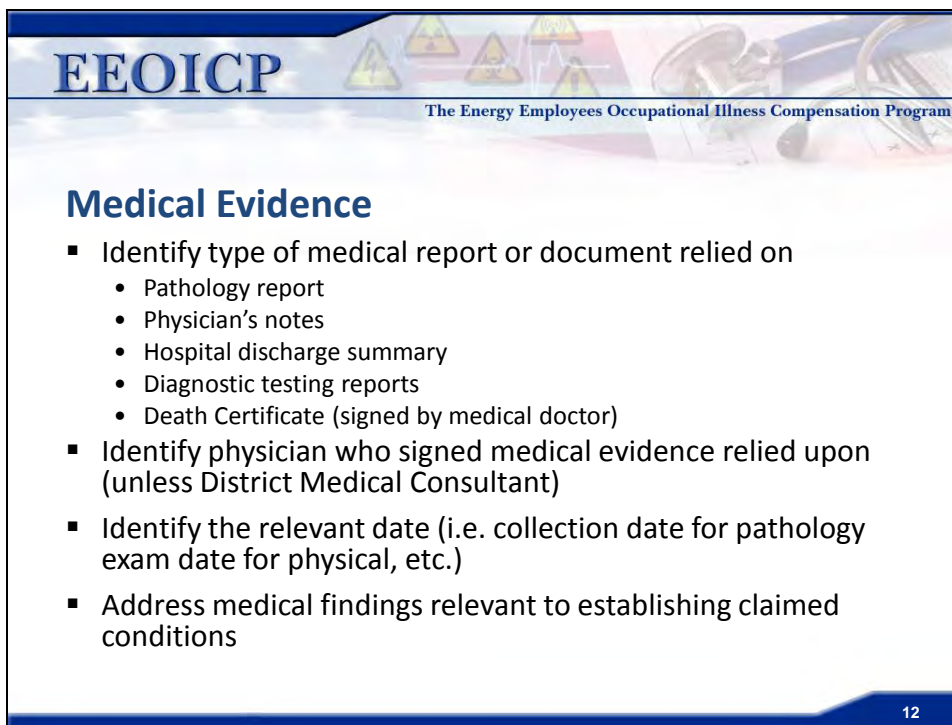
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Employment

- Claimed employment
 - Employer name
 - Contractor/sub-contractor name
 - Dates of employment
 - Employment site
 - Job titles/descriptions
- Employment established - employment evidence
 - Affidavits
 - DOE response
 - CPWR records
 - SSA records
 - EE-5
 - DAR Records
 - Other

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Medical Evidence



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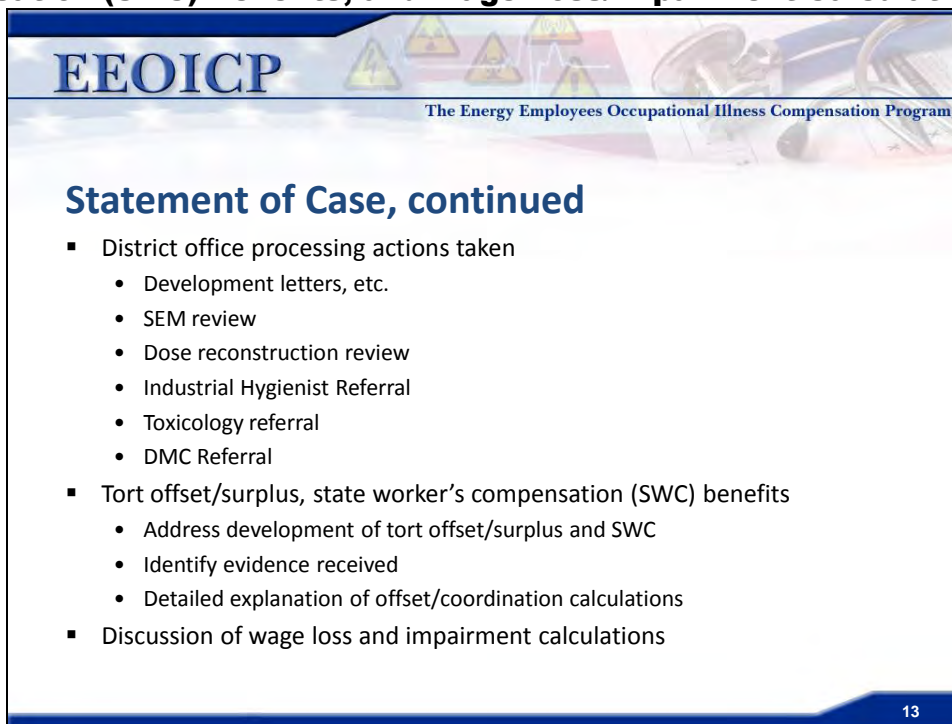
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Medical Evidence

- Identify type of medical report or document relied on
 - Pathology report
 - Physician's notes
 - Hospital discharge summary
 - Diagnostic testing reports
 - Death Certificate (signed by medical doctor)
- Identify physician who signed medical evidence relied upon (unless District Medical Consultant)
- Identify the relevant date (i.e. collection date for pathology exam date for physical, etc.)
- Address medical findings relevant to establishing claimed conditions

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District Office Processing Actions Taken / Tort Offset/Surplus, State Worker's Compensation (SWC) Benefits, and Wage Loss/Impairment Calculations



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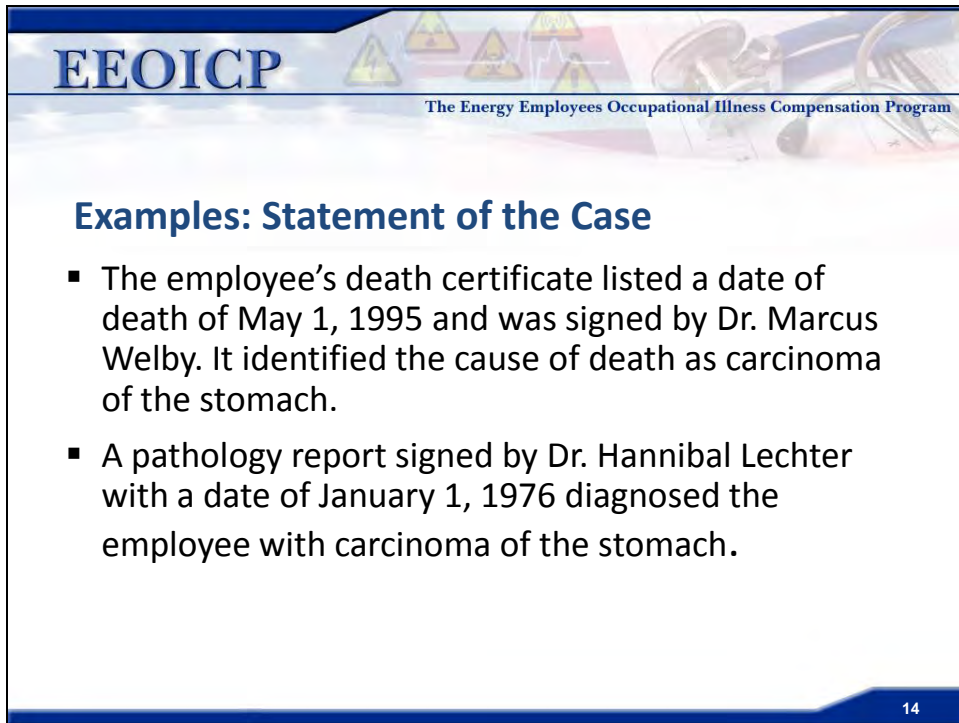
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Statement of Case, continued

- District office processing actions taken
 - Development letters, etc.
 - SEM review
 - Dose reconstruction review
 - Industrial Hygienist Referral
 - Toxicology referral
 - DMC Referral
- Tort offset/surplus, state worker's compensation (SWC) benefits
 - Address development of tort offset/surplus and SWC
 - Identify evidence received
 - Detailed explanation of offset/coordination calculations
- Discussion of wage loss and impairment calculations

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Statement of Case Examples



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Examples: Statement of the Case

- The employee's death certificate listed a date of death of May 1, 1995 and was signed by Dr. Marcus Welby. It identified the cause of death as carcinoma of the stomach.
- A pathology report signed by Dr. Hannibal Lechter with a date of January 1, 1976 diagnosed the employee with carcinoma of the stomach.

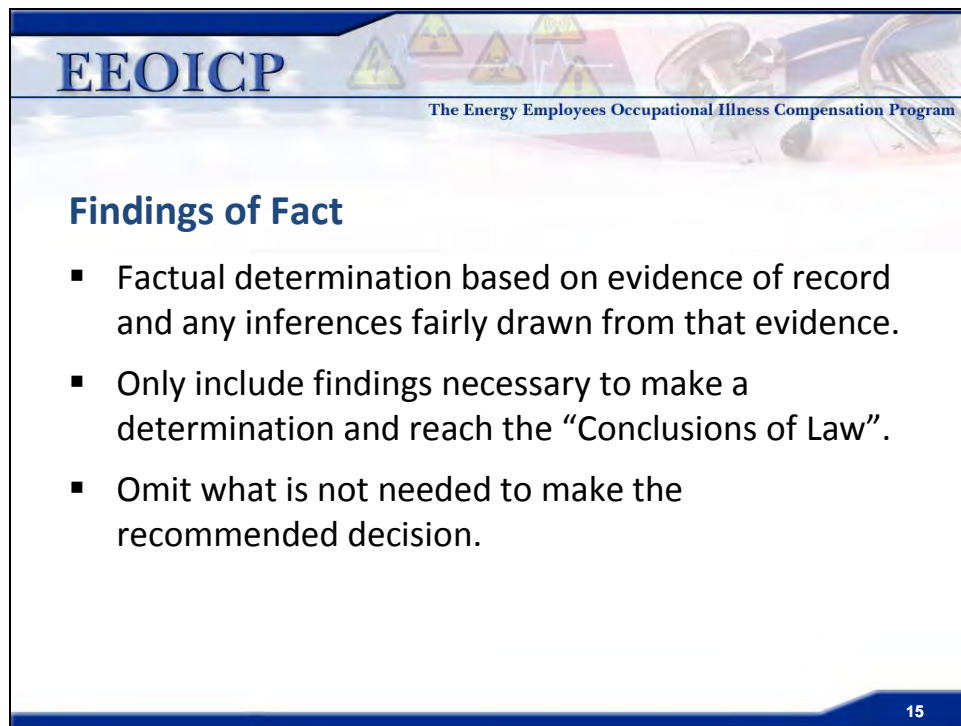
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Your Notes

Findings of Fact (FOF)

This is an example:

A finding that the employment evidence was sufficient to establish employer, location and dates of employment is properly made from the evidence.

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Findings of Fact

- Factual determination based on evidence of record and any inferences fairly drawn from that evidence.
- Only include findings necessary to make a determination and reach the “Conclusions of Law”.
- Omit what is not needed to make the recommended decision.

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Findings of Fact, continued

- Findings should be based on evidence or lack of evidence addressed in the Statement of Case.
- Draw conclusions from the evidence of record, do not just recite the statement of case.
- Do not award or deny benefits in the FOF


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Findings of Fact, continued

- State the Findings of Fact in logical sequence
 - The established diagnosis and date of diagnosis
 - The employment and exposure data established by the evidence
 - The dose reconstruction report submitted by NIOSH
 - The percentage calculation derived from the probability of causation algorithm
 - The findings of wage loss, impairment, surplus, established survivorship, DOJ for RECA

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Findings of Fact Example

- It is not sufficient merely to state that the claimant was employed at Bethlehem Steel between 1930 and 1940.
- It must be explained that the established employment is outside the covered time period of 1949 through 1952.
- Also, it is imperative to explain precisely which piece(s) of evidence supports the finding.

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Conclusions of Law



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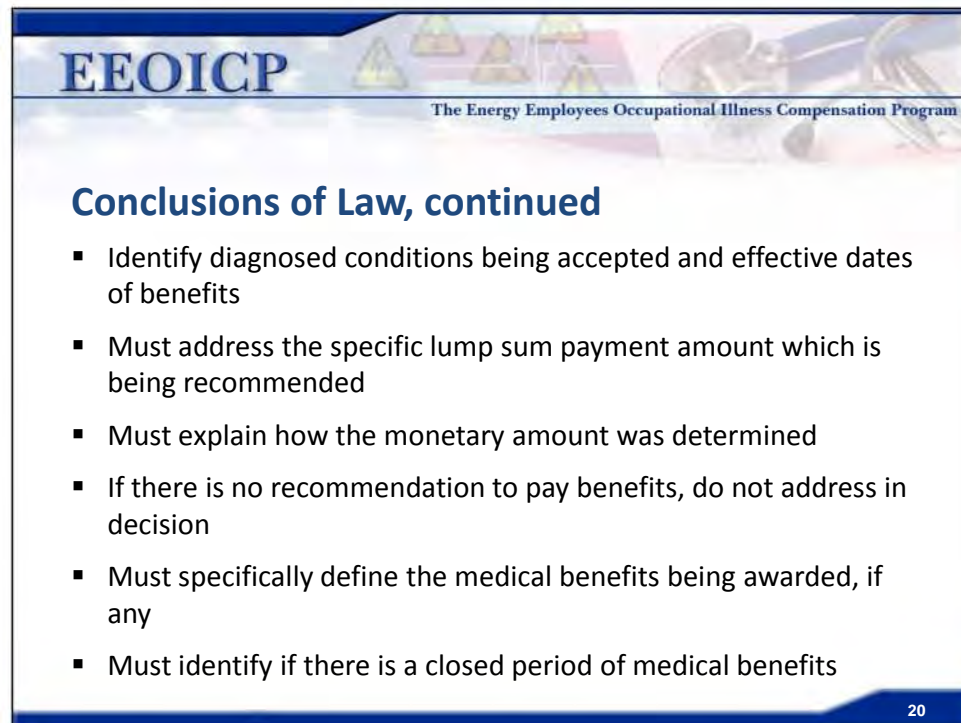
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Conclusions of Law

- Must cite relevant sections, as applicable, of the following:
 - EEOICPA
 - Governing regulations
 - EEOICPA FAB precedent setting decisions
 - Procedure manual
 - Bulletins
 - Policy telecom notes
- Must include a clearly rational and logical conclusion
- Must state whether or not benefits are being awarded under Part B or E of the Act and the rationale for the decision

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Conclusions of Law, continued

- Identify diagnosed conditions being accepted and effective dates of benefits
- Must address the specific lump sum payment amount which is being recommended
- Must explain how the monetary amount was determined
- If there is no recommendation to pay benefits, do not address in decision
- Must specifically define the medical benefits being awarded, if any
- Must identify if there is a closed period of medical benefits

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Conclusions of Law, continued

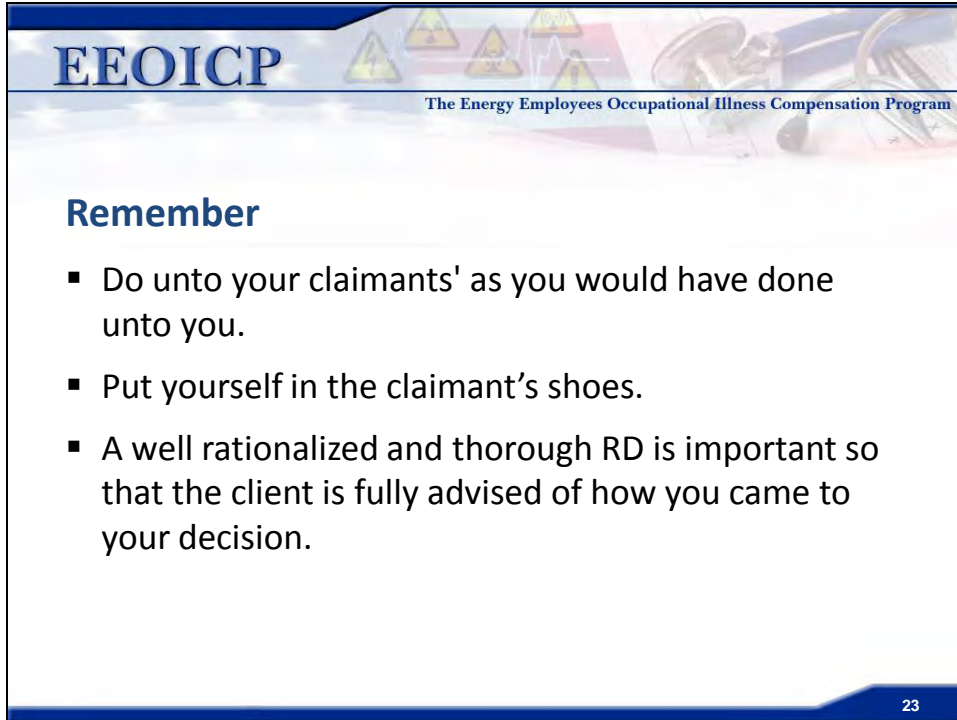
- Must clearly identify which claimants are approved, which claimants are denied
- Provide a clear and concise explanation of how that decision was reached.
- Conclusions of Law example
 - Accordingly, the _____ district office finds that the employee was a “covered employee with cancer” as defined in 42 U.S.C. § 7384l(9).

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Your Notes

Writing the Recommended Decision

Guiding Principle



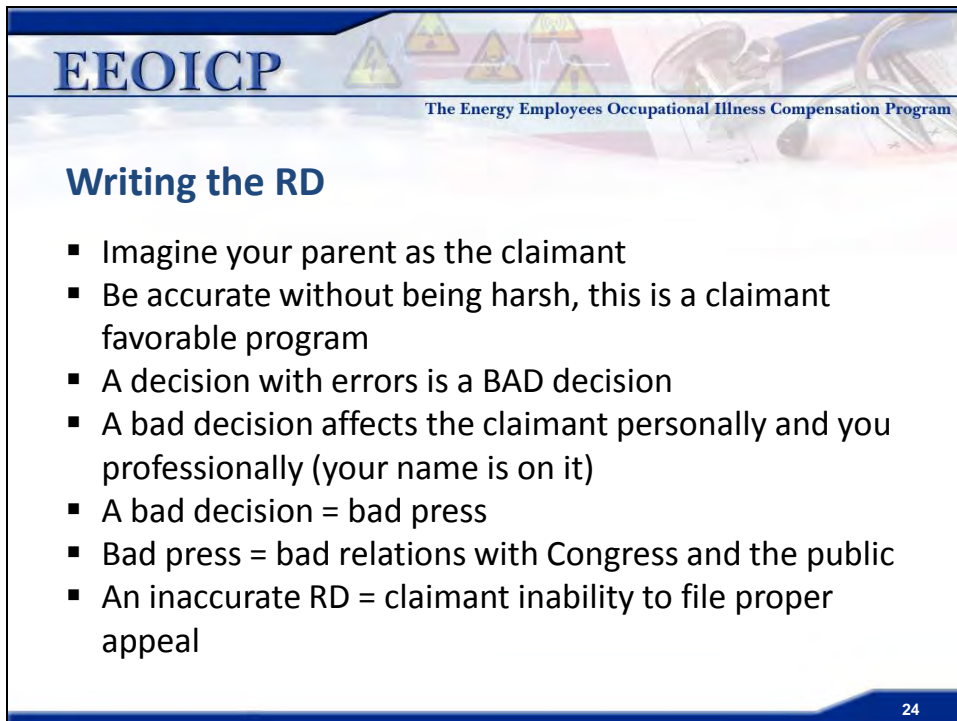
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Remember

- Do unto your claimants' as you would have done unto you.
- Put yourself in the claimant's shoes.
- A well rationalized and thorough RD is important so that the client is fully advised of how you came to your decision.

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Impacts of Bad RDs



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Writing the RD

- Imagine your parent as the claimant
- Be accurate without being harsh, this is a claimant favorable program
- A decision with errors is a BAD decision
- A bad decision affects the claimant personally and you professionally (your name is on it)
- A bad decision = bad press
- Bad press = bad relations with Congress and the public
- An inaccurate RD = claimant inability to file proper appeal

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Importance of Audience



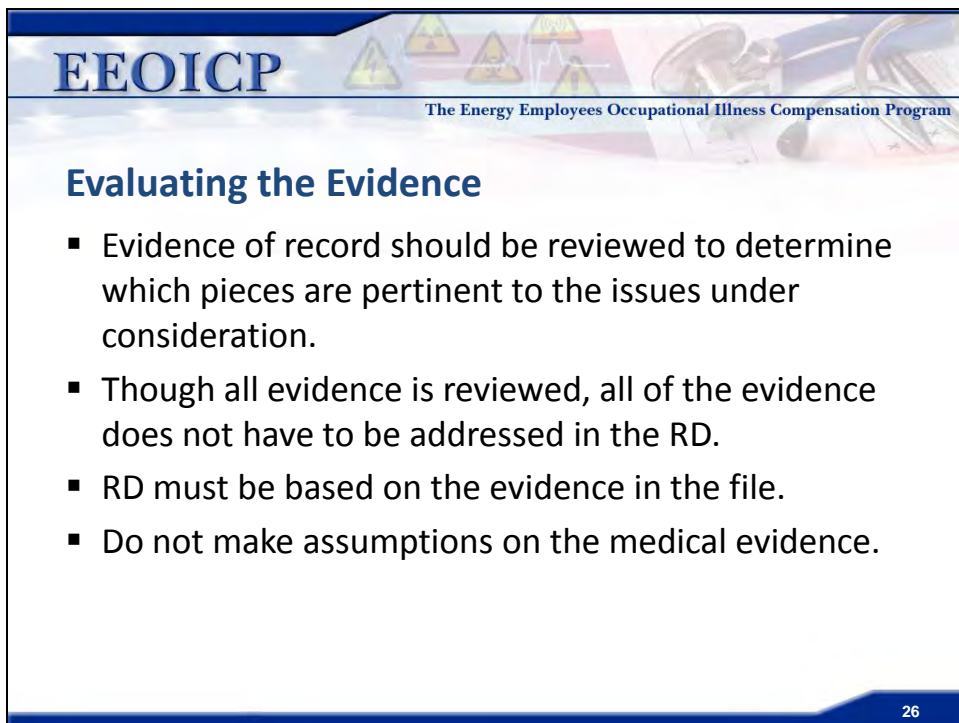
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Know Your Audience

- Your customers
 - Claimant
 - Authorized representative
 - Final Adjudication Branch (FAB)
 - DEEOIC
 - Third Parties – Courts, Congress, MD's, DOE, etc.

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Evaluating the Evidence



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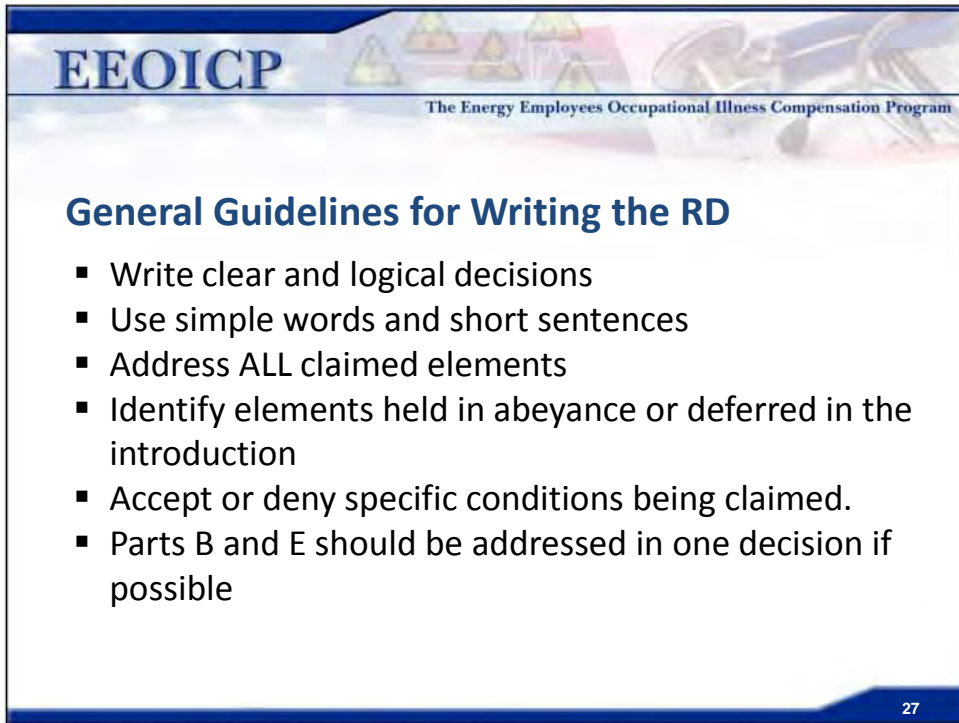
Evaluating the Evidence

- Evidence of record should be reviewed to determine which pieces are pertinent to the issues under consideration.
- Though all evidence is reviewed, all of the evidence does not have to be addressed in the RD.
- RD must be based on the evidence in the file.
- Do not make assumptions on the medical evidence.

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Writing Style Guidelines

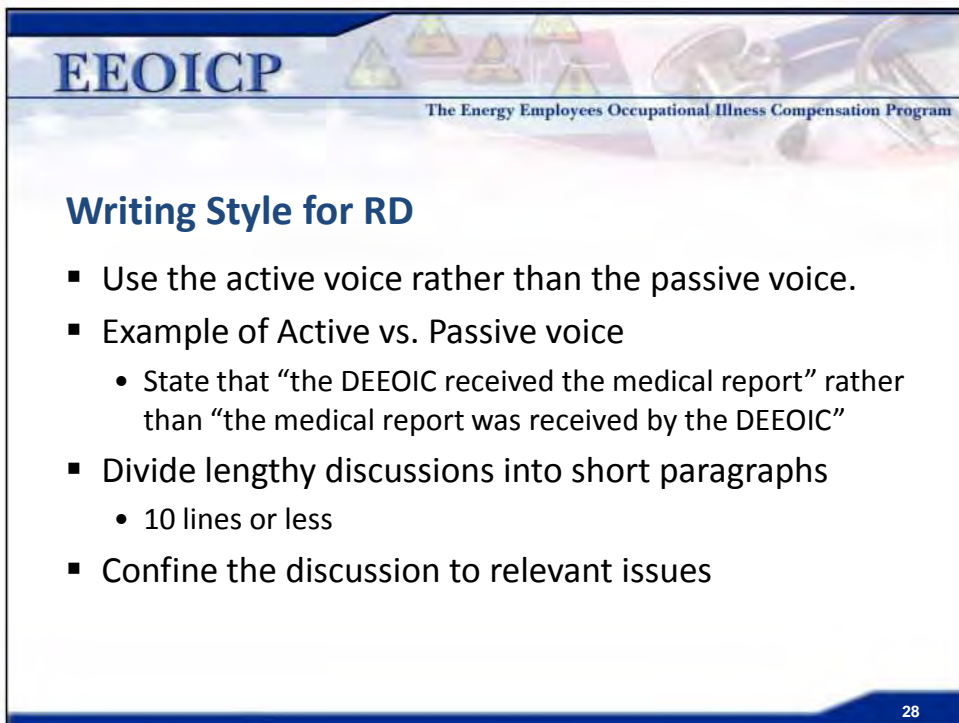


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General Guidelines for Writing the RD

- Write clear and logical decisions
- Use simple words and short sentences
- Address ALL claimed elements
- Identify elements held in abeyance or deferred in the introduction
- Accept or deny specific conditions being claimed.
- Parts B and E should be addressed in one decision if possible

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Writing Style for RD

- Use the active voice rather than the passive voice.
- Example of Active vs. Passive voice
 - State that “the DEEOIC received the medical report” rather than “the medical report was received by the DEEOIC”
- Divide lengthy discussions into short paragraphs
 - 10 lines or less
- Confine the discussion to relevant issues

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Your Notes

RD Content

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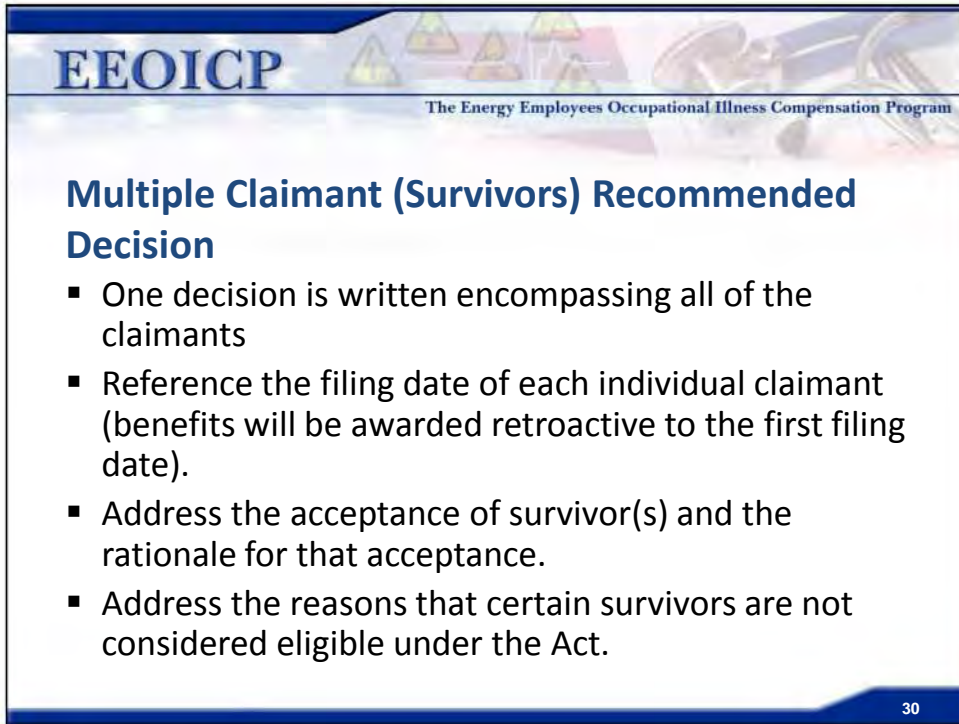
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RD Content

- RD should distinguish between Parts B and E in the “Introduction” and the “Conclusion of Law”
- Use correct wording and definitions
 - Part B: occupational illness, covered employee
 - Part E: covered illness, covered DOE contractor employee
- Program guidance should be followed for choice of wording when provided

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Multiple Claimant (Survivors) RD

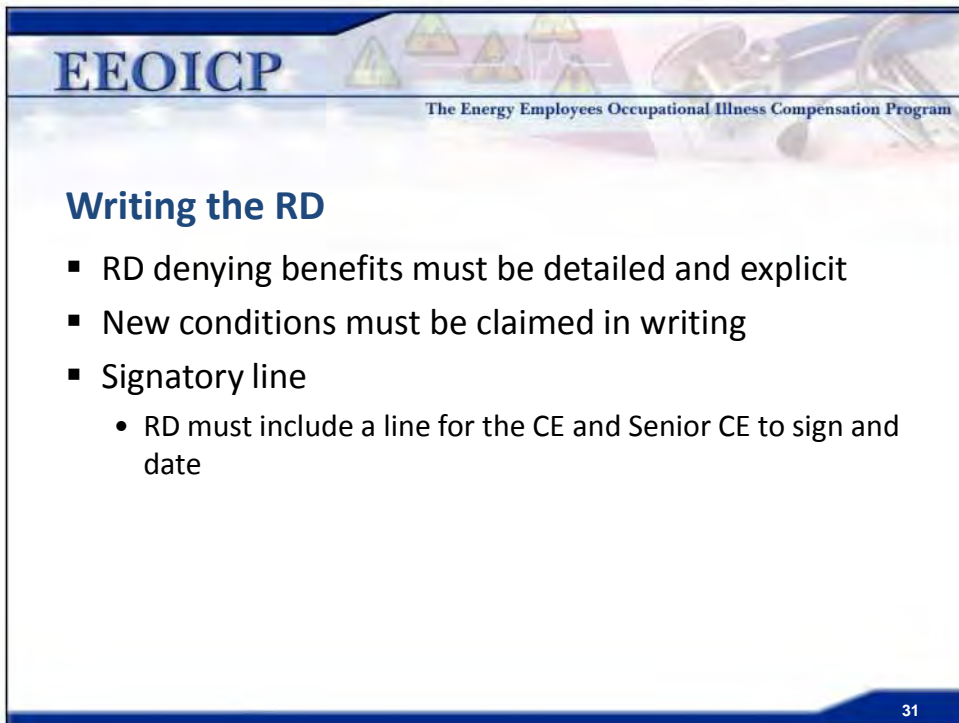


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Multiple Claimant (Survivors) Recommended Decision

- One decision is written encompassing all of the claimants
- Reference the filing date of each individual claimant (benefits will be awarded retroactive to the first filing date).
- Address the acceptance of survivor(s) and the rationale for that acceptance.
- Address the reasons that certain survivors are not considered eligible under the Act.

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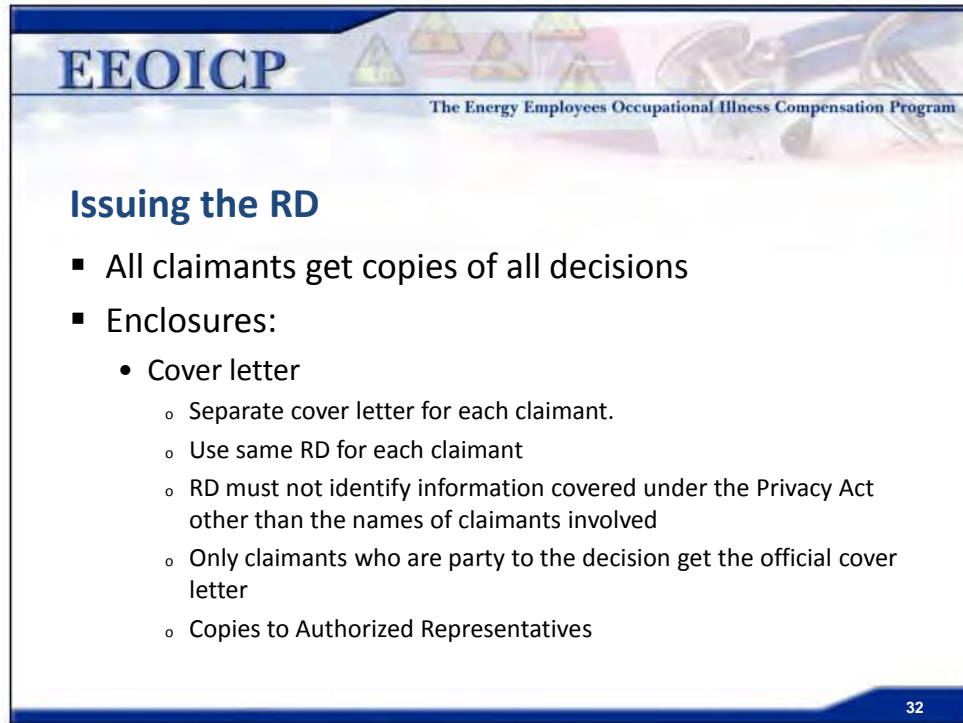
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Writing the RD

- RD denying benefits must be detailed and explicit
- New conditions must be claimed in writing
- Signatory line
 - RD must include a line for the CE and Senior CE to sign and date

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Issuing the RD



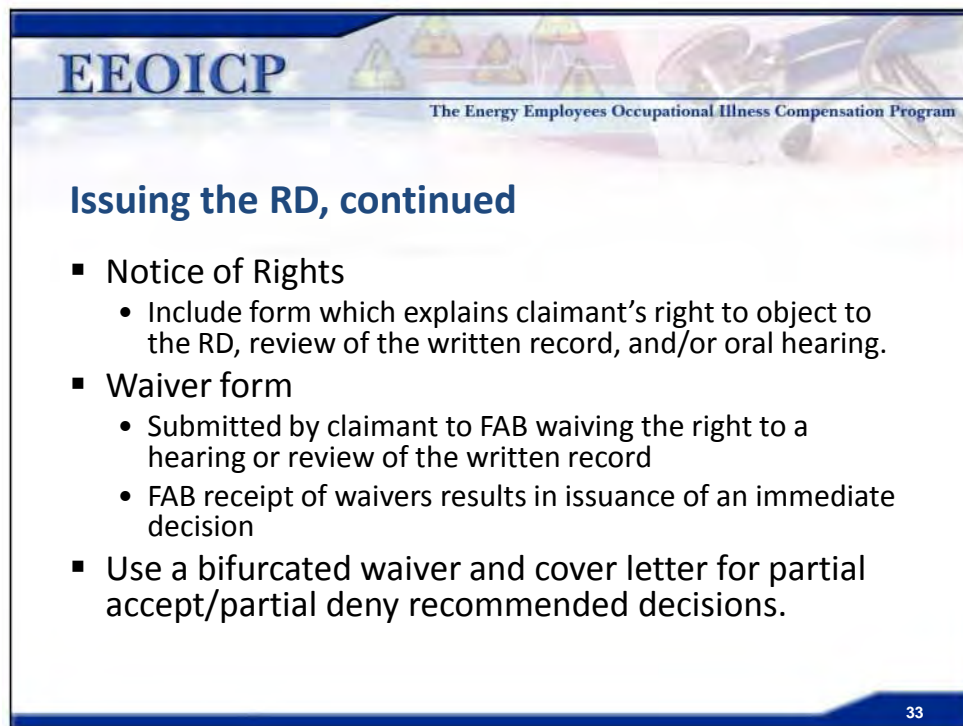
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Issuing the RD

- All claimants get copies of all decisions
- Enclosures:
 - Cover letter
 - Separate cover letter for each claimant.
 - Use same RD for each claimant
 - RD must not identify information covered under the Privacy Act other than the names of claimants involved
 - Only claimants who are party to the decision get the official cover letter
 - Copies to Authorized Representatives

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Issuing the RD, continued

- Notice of Rights
 - Include form which explains claimant's right to object to the RD, review of the written record, and/or oral hearing.
- Waiver form
 - Submitted by claimant to FAB waiving the right to a hearing or review of the written record
 - FAB receipt of waivers results in issuance of an immediate decision
- Use a bifurcated waiver and cover letter for partial accept/partial deny recommended decisions.

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Issuing the RD, continued

- Waiver for partial acceptances/partial denials has 2 options.
 - Option 1 allows the claimant to waive the right to object to the benefits awarded but reserves the right to object to the recommended denial of benefits.
 - Option 2 allows the claimant to waive the rights to object to all findings and conclusions.
- Mail Original signed and dated RD to claimant's last known address and to the claimant's authorized representative.
 - RD must be mailed to the proper address


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Issuing the RD, continued

- File a copy of the RD in the case record
- Copy of NIOSH RD goes to NIOSH
- Copy of RECA RD goes to Department of Justice
- Senior CE or CE changes the appropriate status codes in the ECMS with a status effective date of the date of the RD
- Senior CE or CE reviews the entire ECMS record to ensure accuracy.
- Add memo to CE-2 unit requesting development of deferred elements to case record

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Issuing the RD, continued

- Certificates of Service stay in file, not mailed out to claimants
- Prepare transfer sheet for case record
- Send case record to FAB unit within one work day of mailing RD to the claimant.

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Your Notes

Notice of Rights Form

NOTICE OF RECOMMENDED DECISION AND CLAIMANT RIGHTS

The District Office has issued a recommended decision in regard to your claim under the Energy Employees Occupational Illness Compensation Program Act. This notice explains how to file objections to the recommended decision. This notice also explains what to do if you agree with the recommended decision and want the FAB to issue a final decision before the 60-day period has ended. Read the instructions contained in this notice carefully.

IF YOU WISH TO OBJECT TO THE RECOMMENDED DECISION:

If you disagree with all or part of the recommended decision, you MUST file specific objections to it within sixty (60) days from the date of the recommended decision by writing to the Final Adjudication Branch at:

Final Adjudication Branch
U.S. Department of Labor, EEOICPA
1001 Lakeside Ave., Suite 390
Cleveland, OH 44114

Your objections MUST clearly state the reasons for your disagreement and indicate the specific findings of fact and/or conclusions of law with which you disagree, including any objections to any dose reconstruction performed. If you want an informal oral hearing to present oral testimony and written evidence in support of your objections, you MUST request a hearing in writing with your objections. If your objection does not contain a written request for a hearing, the FAB will consider your objections by reviewing the written record. You will be allowed time in which to submit additional evidence in support of your claim. Any recommended decision that is pending a hearing or review of the written record for more than one year from the date the FAB receives the objection will be affirmed.

IF YOU AGREE WITH THE RECOMMENDED DECISION:

If you agree with the recommended decision and wish for it to be affirmed in a final decision without change, you may submit a written statement waiving your right to object to it to the Final Adjudication Branch, at the above address. The attached waiver form may be used for this process. This action will allow the Final Adjudication Branch to issue a final decision on your claim before the end of the sixty-day period for filing objections. If you wish to object to only part of the recommended decision and waive any objections to the remaining parts of the decision, you may do so. In that situation, the Final Adjudication Branch may issue a final decision affirming the parts of the recommended decision to which you do not object.

Be sure to print your name, file number and the date of the recommended decision in any correspondence submitted to the Final Adjudication Branch.

Waiver Form

Final Adjudication Branch
U.S. Department of Labor, EEOICPA
1001 Lakeside Ave., Suite 390
Cleveland, OH 44114

Dear Sir or Madam:

I, _____, being fully informed of my right to object to any of the findings of fact and/or conclusions of law contained in the recommended decision issued on my claim for compensation under the Energy Employees Occupational Illness Compensation Program Act, do hereby waive those rights.

Signature


Date

123-45-6789
File Number

Conclusion

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Questions



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Your Notes

Recommended Decision Quiz - Questions

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Recommended Decision Quiz - Questions

1. **The Parts of a Recommended Decision include:**
 - a. Statement of Case
 - b. Introduction
 - c. Development Letter
 - d. Conclusions of Law
 - e. All of the above
2. **The Statement of Case discussion of a death certificate always includes:**
 - a. Date of death
 - b. Place of birth
 - c. Location of death
 - d. Cause of death
 - e. Informant name

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Recommended Decision Quiz – Questions (Continued)

3. **Which statement does not belong in the Statement of Case?**
 - a. You submitted a copy of Dr. Amanda Bentley's pathology report in which she diagnosed your husband with stomach cancer on January 7, 1995.
 - b. You did not submit sufficient medical evidence to establish your husband was diagnosed with chronic beryllium disease, therefore your claim for that condition is denied.
 - c. The Department of Energy confirmed that your husband was employed at the Paducah Gaseous Diffusion Plant from March 21, 1964 to September 14, 1971.
4. **Jack Bauer, an atomics weapons employee filed a claim for skin cancer (right arm, neck, left ear), bladder cancer, and hearing loss. He submitted the following medical reports. Which reports should be included in the Statement of the Case?**
 - a. 1975 pathology report diagnosing bladder cancer.
 - b. 1974 pathology report diagnosing squamous cell carcinoma, left ear.
 - c. 1974 report diagnosing actinic keratosis of the right leg.
 - d. 1986 normal lymphocyte proliferation test.
 - e. 1985 hearing test results confirming loss of hearing

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Your Answers


Recommended Decision Quiz – More Questions

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Recommended Decision Quiz – Questions (Continued)

- 5. What is wrong with the following Finding of Fact?
You were diagnosed with lung cancer, a specified cancer as defined by 20 C.F.R. § 30.5(ff)(2).
- 6. What is wrong with the following conclusion of law:
Horatio Caine is entitled to compensation and medical benefits for the treatment of lung cancer pursuant to 42 U.S.C. §§ 7384s(a) and 7384(s)(b) of the EEOICPA.

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Recommended Decision Quiz – Questions (Continued)

7. In writing a recommended decision, please identify which term is used in reference to Part B and which term is used in reference to Part E of the Act:

- a. Occupational illness
- b. covered illness
- c. covered DOE contractor employee
- d. covered employee

8. True or False

- a. A copy of a recommended decision based awarding benefits to a Section 5 RECA employee should be sent to the Department of Energy.
- b. Use a bifurcated waiver for partial accept/partial deny recommended decisions.
- c. Option 1 of a bifurcated waiver allows the claimant to waive the rights to object to all findings and conclusions.

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Your Answers

Recommended Decision Quiz – Answers

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Recommended Decision Quiz - Answers

1. The Parts of a Recommended Decision include:
 - a. Statement of Case
 - b. Introduction
 - c. Development Letter
 - d. Conclusions of Law
 - e. All of the above

a, b, and d
2. The Statement of Case discussion of a death certificate always includes:
 - a. Date of death
 - b. Place of birth
 - c. Location of death
 - d. Cause of death
 - e. Informant name

a and d

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3. Which statement does not belong in the Statement of Case?
 - a. You submitted a copy of Dr. Amanda Bentley's pathology report in which she diagnosed your husband with stomach cancer on January 7, 1995.
 - b. You did not submit sufficient medical evidence to establish your husband was diagnosed with chronic beryllium disease, therefore your claim for that condition is denied.
 - c. The Department of Energy confirmed that your husband was employed at the Paducah Gaseous Diffusion Plant from March 21, 1964 to September 14, 1971.

b

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4. Jack Bauer, an atomics weapons employee filed a claim for skin cancer (right arm, neck, left ear), bladder cancer, and hearing loss. He submitted the following medical reports. Which reports should be included in the Statement of the Case?

- a. 1975 pathology report diagnosing bladder cancer.
- b. 1974 pathology report diagnosing squamous cell carcinoma, left ear.
- c. 1974 report diagnosing actinic keratosis of the right leg.
- d. 1986 normal lymphocyte proliferation test.
- e. 1985 hearing test results confirming loss of hearing

c and d

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Recommended Decision Quiz – Answers (Continued)

5. What is wrong with the following Finding of Fact?
You were diagnosed with lung cancer, a specified cancer as defined by 20 C.F.R. § 30.5(ff)(2).

You are not supposed to state legal citations in Findings of Fact.

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Recommended Decision Quiz – Answers (Continued)

6. What is wrong with the following conclusion of law:
Horatio Caine is entitled to compensation and medical benefits for the treatment of lung cancer pursuant to 42 U.S.C. §§ 7384s(a) and 7384(s)(b) of the EEOICPA.

The compensation and medical benefits should be discussed in separate paragraphs and the compensation amount should be specific. For example, Therefore, you qualify as a “covered employee with cancer” pursuant to 42 U.S.C. § 7384(9)(B). Accordingly, you are awarded medical benefits under Part B of the Act for the treatment of your lung cancer, effective October 25, 2007. 42 U.S.C. § 7384s.

Section 7384s(a) of the EEOICPA provides that compensation in the amount of \$150,000 shall be paid to a covered employee with cancer. See 42 U.S.C. § 7384s (a). Therefore, you are entitled to compensation in the amount of \$150,000 under Part B of the Act for your lung cancer. Additionally, you are entitled to medical benefits for treatment of your lung cancer, retroactive to your filing date of October 25, 2007. See 42 U.S.C. § 7384s (b).

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Recommended Decision Quiz – Answers (Continued)

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Part B – Occupational Illness, Covered Employee
Part E – Covered Illness, Covered DOE Contractor Employee

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Recommended Decision Quiz – Answers (Continued)

8. True or False

- a. A copy of a recommended decision based awarding benefits to a Section 5 RECA employee should be sent to the Department of Energy.
- b. Use a bifurcated waiver for partial accept/partial deny recommended decisions.
- c. Option 1 of a bifurcated waiver allows the claimant to waiver the rights to object to all findings and conclusions.

a. False
b. True
c. False

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Your Notes

Evaluation Form

We value your opinion. Please rate the following:

	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Organization of subject matter				
Explanation of key concepts				
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Presentation was clear and understandable				
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Relevance of training material				
Correct level of detail				
Exercise content was appropriate				
Examples were clear and helpful				
Which topics were most beneficial to you?				
Which topics were least beneficial to you?				

Recommended Decision Session

Other comments or suggestions for improvement:

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