

Helping You Navigate DOL Claims: Understanding the Site Exposure Matrix

If you or a loved one is applying for benefits under the **Energy Employees Occupational Illness Compensation Program Act (EEOICPA)**, understanding how to **prove your claim** is key.

What Do I Need to Prove?

When applying for benefits through the DOL, three things are essential to move your claim forward:

1. You worked at a covered facility.

- ▶ Prove this with your **EE-3 form** and any supporting employment records.

2. You've been diagnosed with a qualifying illness.

- ▶ Medical records submitted with your **EE-1 form** help verify your diagnosis.

3. Your illness was as least likely as not caused by worksite exposures.

- ▶ This is where the **Site Exposure Matrix (SEM)** becomes a valuable tool

What Is the Site Exposure Matrix (SEM)?

The **SEM** is an online database managed by the DOL. **If your illness is listed as linked to a toxic substance used at your work site, it helps strengthen your claim.** It lists:

- Covered work sites
- Known toxic substances used at each site
- Job categories potentially exposed
- Link between toxic substances/chemicals and illness

Understanding EE-1 and EE-3 Forms

- **EE-1 (Claim Form):** This is your official application for benefits. It includes your medical diagnosis and personal information.
- **EE-3 (Employment History):** This form lists your employment at DOE facilities. The more detail you can include—dates, job roles, tasks—the better.

Have questions about your claim or the SEM? CNS Cares is here to help.

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