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### **The Role of CEDR in Worker Health Protection**

The development of the Comprehensive Epidemiologic Data Resource (CEDR) is one of the major elements in the Secretary of Energy's initiatives to establish a credible state-of-the-art epidemiologic and health surveillance program in the Department of Energy (DOE). The aim of this program is to identify human health effects that may be associated with energy production and technology. The CEDR program being undertaken by the Department of Energy (DOE) will be the focus for organizing, integrating, and disseminating data from the DOE's epidemiologic activities. The CEDR information system will facilitate the acquisition, storage, access, and analysis of data collected from past and ongoing research, as well as from future activities. It is anticipated that substantial use of CEDR will be made by DOE staff, scientists at national labs, persons with university affiliations and public interest groups. The paper will describe the structure of the CEDR information system, the types of data being incorporated, the accessibility of the data and the uses being made of the data.

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