

Role of the States in the Surveillance of Work-Related Diseases, Injuries, and Hazards

- Provide critically needed data on occupational diseases.
- Generate information necessary to evaluate the conventional occupational injury data sources.
- Actively link surveillance findings with intervention efforts at the State and local levels.
- Integrate occupational health into mainstream public health practice.

(NIOSH-CSTE Surveillance Planning Work Group, 2001, www.cste.org)

Priority Conditions for Surveillance in a Comprehensive Nationwide Occupational Health Surveillance System

- Work-related asthma
- Occupational Cancers
- Elevated blood and urine levels of arsenic, cadmium and mercury
- Noise-induced hearing loss
- Occupational pesticide-related illnesses and injuries
- Fatal occupational injuries
- Work-related cardiovascular disease
- Pneumoconioses
- Elevated blood lead levels in adults
- Work-related musculoskeletal disorders of the upper extremities and low back
- Occupational skin diseases
- Occupational exposure to blood-borne pathogens
- Non-fatal occupational injuries

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Table 2. Matrix of Priority Conditions to be Placed under Surveillance: Minimum (M) and Desirable (D) Surveillance Activities*

Condition under Surveillance	Federal Activities	State Activities
Work-Related Asthma	M. Periodic analysis of existing data sets (NHANES, NHIS, NOMS) M. Aggregation and analysis of State data	M. Include work variables in ongoing adult asthma surveillance efforts, where feasible. M. Periodic analysis of existing relevant data in all States. M. In-depth surveillance and follow-up in select States. D. In-depth surveillance and follow-up in all States.
Blood-borne Pathogen (BBP) Exposures in the Workplace	M. Aggregation and analysis of State data	M. Counts of BBP exposures reported annually from institutional reporters in select States. D. Further collection and analysis of BBP exposure data by industry, occupation and circumstance in select States.