

NATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH

Notable Milestones in NIOSH History

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1970

OSH Act created NIOSH

1971

First Criteria Document on Asbestos

First Toxic Substances List

1973

NIOSH transferred to CDC from Health Service & Mental Health Administration

Creation of NIOSHTIC

1974

NIOSH/OSHA Standards Completion Program was the basis for 387 new standards, immediately dangerous to life and health (IDLH) values and the PocketGuide

1975

First Current Intelligence Bulletins published (chloroprene, trichloroethylene, ethylene dibromide, asbestos (during brake and clutch work), hexamethylphosphoric triamide, polychlorinated biphenyls)

1977

First nine ERCs were awarded (Harvard, U. Cincinnati, Johns Hopkins, U. Texas Houston, U. Minnesota, U. North Carolina, U. Washington Seattle, U. Illinois Chicago, & U. Arizona)

Courts affirm authority to enter workplaces, examine medical records, and disseminate research findings

NIOSH publishes *Occupational Diseases: A Guide to Their Recognition*

1978

NIOSH/OSHA Pocket Guide to Chemical Hazards first published

1971 – 1975
Marcus Key, M.D.
Director

1975 – 1978
John Finklea, M.D.
Director

1978 – 1981
Anthony Robbins, M.D.
Director

1980

First State-based occupational health cooperative agreements

1984

First meeting of the NIOSH Board of Scientific Counselors (BSC)

1985

On the 15th anniversary of the Occupational Safety and Health Act, the Office of Technology Assessment (OTA) issued a report concluding that the Act had led to the reduction of exposures to vinyl chloride, cotton dust, and lead

1986

NIOSH releases the *Proposed National Strategies for the Prevention of Leading Work-Related Diseases and Injuries* (Top Ten Work-related Diseases and Injuries)

NIOSH, OSHA, and EPA establish the ONE Committee to coordinate the agencies' research efforts

Collaboration with ILO International Programme on Chemical Safety to establish peer reviewed hazard communication cards (International Chemical Safety Cards)

1987

Sentinel Event Notification System for Occupational Risk (SENSOR) program established at NIOSH

NIOSH publishes landmark studies showing hazards of vermiculite from Libby, MT

1989

The Alice Hamilton Award for Excellence in Science in Occupational Safety and Health was initiated

ABLES program and State FACE program established

1981 – 1993
J. Donald Millar, M.D.
Director

1994 – 2000
Linda Rosenstock, M.D.
Director

1990

Centers for Agricultural Disease and Injury Research, Education, and Prevention established

1991

NIOSH issues Current Intelligence Bulletin on environmental tobacco smoke in the workplace

1996

NIOSH website launched

National Occupational Research Agenda (NORA) Established

NIOSH issues findings & recommendations for preventing workplace homicides and assaults

1997

Mine safety research authority is transferred to NIOSH following the elimination of the U.S. Bureau of Mines

NIOSH issues *Engineering Control Guidelines for Hot Mix Asphalt Pavers* — this represents a new paradigm for conducting research by developing a partnership between labor, industry, and government

Latex Alert issued *Preventing allergic reactions to natural rubber latex in the workplace*

1999

NIOSH issues recommendations for preventing job-related stress

NIOSH issues recommendations for preventing work-related needlestick injuries

2001

NIOSH provides technical assistance for responder safety and health in the World Trade Center rescue and recovery

NIOSH en Espanol Web site launched

2003

NIOSH eNews debuts

2004

Research to Practice (r2p) Initiative established

2005

NIOSH provides technical and humanitarian assistance after Hurricane Katrina

2006

Second Decade of NORA begins

NIOSH partnered with SKC Inc., to commercialize two low-cost, NIOSH-designed field methods to help first responders, public health officials, and remediation workers quickly detect the presence of methamphetamine on various environmental surfaces

2007

NIOSH Science Blog debuts

2009

NIOSH publishes a literature review and critical analysis of Qualitative Risk Characterization and Management of Occupational Hazards: Control Banding (CB)

2010

NIOSH provides technical assistance for responder safety and health in the Deepwater Horizon containment and cleanup

2011

World Trade Center Health Program established

2002 – 2008
John Howard, M.D.
Director

2009 – Present
John Howard, M.D.
Director

