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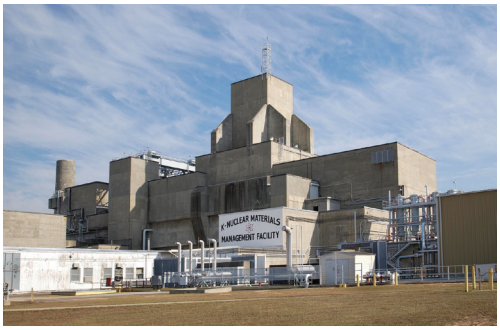
Savannah River Site Cement Mason's Re-screen Exam Results in Early Detection

When Larry Adams's test results came back, there was blood in his stool—and at first, he didn't think anything of it. As it turned out, the blood indicated that he had colon cancer. Thankfully, Larry had been proactive, going in every three years for his re-screen exam.

After having worked his whole life as a cement mason, Larry, 68, knows the hazards that come with his trade. As an OPCMIA Local 8 member, he'd done cement finishing on the Mixed-Oxide (MOX) Fuel Fabrication Facility and in the K-Area Complex of Savannah River Site (SRS) for seven years.

"I've lived here all my life near Savannah River Site," he said, "and I never really wanted to go down there. But push comes to shove, you do what you got to do to take care of your family."



The K-Area at SRS, where the country's excess plutonium is stored.

Now, Larry does what he has to do to take care of his health. After his seven-year stint at SRS was done, he enrolled in the Building Trades National Medical Screening Program (BTMed). He went through his first screening in 2018 and then returned a little more than three years later for his rescreening.

Larry Adams, a cement mason who makes his health a priority.

"I feel the need to tell my story about the importance of this screening test," Larry said. "Please get your screening and take it seriously. It saved my life, and it can possibly save yours."

Because Larry found his colon cancer as a Stage 1, it was early enough to be treated. Now, he goes in regularly for follow-ups to make sure the cancer doesn't come back. By doing this and making his health a priority, Larry is doing what he has to do to take care of his family—now by taking care of himself.

Make Your Re-Screen Exam a New Year's Resolution

Call BTMed Today to Schedule!

It's been more than 3 years since you last had your BTMed exam.
Give us a call at 1-800-866-9663 or email btmed@btmed.org to get scheduled for a re-screen!

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Schedule Your Re-Screen Exam Today!

It's been 3 or more years since your last BTMed exam and you are eligible for a **free** re-screen exam.

To schedule your exam, give us a call at **1-800-866-9663** or email us at **btmed@btmed.org**.

3 Reasons to Get your Re-Screen Exam

1. **Work-Related Health Conditions Can Take Time to Develop**
   Participants are eligible for a rescreen exam every 3 years, and in that time, health conditions can change. Many times, health conditions that are a result of past exposures take time to develop. That's why it's necessary to continue monitoring your health by getting your rescreen exam.
2. **Assess Changes in Your Health Over Time**
   When you return every 3 years for an exam, it provides consistent record of your results from previous examinations. This way, changes in your health condition can be compared over time.
3. **Prevent Future Health Problems**
   The exam can detect potential health conditions that may be preventable through changes in your lifestyle.

"I can't think of a thing to make my experience any better! The nurses in Oak Ridge, Tennessee, are wonderful ladies! The doctor and nurses at Portsmouth, Ohio, were also great! Keep up the great work and see ya in three years."

Steven Rowdy Hawkins
Former Battelle Labs-West Jefferson Worker
UA Local 189

"I have been doing BTMed every three years for a long time. The staff have always been professional, efficient, polite, and easy to work with to schedule appointments. I am totally happy with the program."

Pat Loftus
Former Hanford Worker
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