

## **VCF Program Statistics**

(Represents activity through the end of the day on January 28, 2014)

## **Eligibility Statistics**

A claimant starts the VCF claim process by filing an Eligibility Form. However, the VCF cannot process the claim until it receives the required properly signed authorizations. These signatures allow the VCF to obtain and review information specific to that claim.

The Zadroga Act requires that a claimant demonstrate three criteria in order to be eligible to receive compensation from the VCF:

- 1. Presence at one of the designated sites during the required timeframe.
- 2. Confirmation of proper resolution of any 9/11-related lawsuits.
- 3. Diagnosis of a 9/11-related injury or illness that is on the list of eligible conditions and verified through contemporaneous medical records. A condition is related to 9/11 if it meets the requirement for certification for treatment adopted by the World Trade Center ("WTC") Health Program.

Verifying that the claimant has an eligible condition that is certified for treatment requires the exchange of information with the WTC Health Program and in many cases, physicians outside the Program who are treating the claimant. *The VCF cannot take action on a claim until this requirement is met and at least one certified eligible condition has been verified for the claim.* 

The table below shows the total number of Eligibility Forms received and the statistics for the claims that can be decided – that is, the claims that have an Eligibility Form and required signature documents and a certified eligible condition. Out of 5,581 Eligibility Forms that have a confirmed eligible injury, the VCF has issued decisions on 4,294. The remaining 1,287 are under review to confirm that the other statutory requirements have been met.

ELIGIBILITY FORMS	As of 1/28/2014	As of 11/22/2013
TOTAL Eligibility Forms	12,183	
Claims with certified eligible conditions - Can be Decided	5,581	
Eligibility Decisions Rendered	4,294	2,536

Out of the 12,183 Eligibility Forms, 6,602 cannot be decided at this time because they are missing necessary information. The table below shows the breakdown of these claims.

Eligibility Claims that Cannot be Decided Now	
Claims missing Exhibit A – which allows the VCF to obtain the information about eligible conditions	2,688
Claimants who do not have an eligible condition and have not responded to requests for medical documentation	1,991
Claims missing requested information regarding presence, lawsuit resolution or additional medical documentation and/or claims pending WTC Health Program review	1,923

## **Compensation Statistics**

Once a claimant is deemed eligible, the VCF begins review of the Compensation Form. Similar to the Eligibility Form, the Compensation Form also has required Exhibits, Authorizations and Certifications that have to be submitted before the VCF can take action on the Compensation Form. The VCF has received Compensation Forms for only about one third of the claims that have been found eligible.



The table below shows the total number of Compensation Forms received from eligible claimants and the statistics for the claims that can be reviewed – that is, the claims that have a Compensation Form and required signature documents. Out of 732 Compensation Forms that can be reviewed, the VCF has issued decisions on 323. The remaining 409 are under review to determine whether they have sufficient documentation to calculate a compensation award.

COMPENSATION FORMS	As of 1/28/2014	As of 11/22/2013
TOTAL Compensation Forms from claimants who have been deemed Eligible	1,322	
Compensation Forms that Can be Reviewed – forms with proper signatures/exhibits that are under review to assess whether there is sufficient information to determine loss	732	
Compensation Decisions Rendered	323	112

Of the 1,322 Compensation Forms, the remaining 590 cannot be reviewed at this time because the claimant has either not submitted the required exhibits/attestations and/or has not provided the documents needed to support the claimed loss.

The table below provides details on the compensation decisions. Statistics on the compensation amounts by claimant category are based on the category identified by the claimant at the time the Eligibility Form was submitted.

Compensation Decisions Rendered	As of 1/28/2014	Dollar Value before Proration	As of 11/22/2013	Dollar Value before Proration
Total Decisions Rendered	323	\$135,501,249.14	112	\$27,156,383.94
Highest Amount		\$2,796,064.70		
Lowest Amount		\$10,000.00		
Compensation Amounts by Claimant Category				
Responder-NYC	313	\$135,171,249.14		
Non-Responder NYC - cleaning or maintenance work	3	\$65,000.00		
Non-Responder NYC - other capacity	5	\$130,000.00		
Resident within NYC zone	2	\$135,000.00		

## **Registration Information**

In order to allow potential claimants to meet the deadlines established in the Zadroga Act *even if they* are uncertain whether they will eventually file a claim, the VCF allows individuals an opportunity to "register" with the Fund, thereby preserving the right to file a claim in the future. Registration does not create an obligation or commitment to file a claim and the Special Master expects that a large percentage of registrations will not result in claims being filed as they are either duplicates or were created by individuals who will eventually decide not to file a claim. The table below shows the registration data.

DECICED ATIONS	
REGISTRATIONS	
TOTAL Submitted Registrations	53,497
The total number of complete registrations that have been submitted	
online or received in hard copy.	
Interim Registrations	6,649
The number of individuals who submitted an Interim Registration	
Form or the equivalent information by email, fax or mail, or entered	
the equivalent information in the online system in order to meet the	
October 3, 2013 filing deadline.	