

# The PEER Initiative: Protecting Employees, Enabling Reemployment

The White House, under the Office of Management and Budget (OMB), created the Protecting Employees, Enabling Reemployment (PEER) Initiative to get executive departments and agencies to do more to improve workplace safety and health, reduce the financial burden of injuries on taxpayers, and relieve unnecessary suffering by workers and their families. PEER will require federal agencies and the United States Postal Service “to improve or maintain performance in seven areas:

1. Reducing total injury and illness case rates;
2. Reducing lost-time injury and illness case rates;
3. Increasing the timely filing rate for workers' compensation claims;
4. Increasing the timely filing rate for wage-loss claims;
5. Increasing the rate of return-to-work outcomes during the initial 45-day post-injury period for traumatic injury cases;
6. Improving the rate at which employees return to work in cases of moderate to severe injury or illness;
7. Implementing and fully using the Department of Labor's electronic filing system.”



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