#### Recent News for Industrial Commission Filers: Update from the Clerk's Office and Claims Administration Section

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### Update From the Clerk's Office

#### Overview

- Role of the Clerk's Office
- ▶ Filing Rule updates
- ► EDFP
- Future Changes
- Tips

#### Clerk's Office Role

- Industrial Commission Mail
- Documents filed
- Requests for Hearing and Responses thereto
- Requests for files
- Master Docket: Workers' Compensation (New)
- State Tort Claims
- Appeals
- ▶ File and Serve Orders, O & As, D&Os for Full Commission

#### Clerk's Office Staff

- Linda Langdon, Docket Director
- Paula Seldes, Deputy Clerk
- Traci Waldron, Trial Court Administrator
- Veda Coley, Assistant Clerk
- Darryl Wright, Assistant Clerk
- Alejandro Del Rio, Assistant Clerk
- Steve Creech, Torts and Penalties Processing
- ▶ Kim Forbes, Form 33 Processing

- Amelia Stoneking, Assistant Trial Court Administrator
- Josh Bowen, Processing Assistant-Form 33Rs and Attorney Letters (defendants)
- Janet Britt, Assistant Clerk
- Ernie Donadelle, Scanning, Requests for Files
- Mary Cooley, Scanning
- Robert McDowell, Webmaster

#### Clerk's Administrative Motions

- Attorney Withdrawals
- Motions to Withdraw Requests for Hearing
- Motions to Consolidate Cases for Hearing
- Requests for Certified Copies of Files
- Motions to Approve Expert Witness Fee

#### Proposed Electronic Filing Rule: Torts

- Proposed new 11 NCAC 23B .0104, proposed effective date February 1, 2019
- (a) All filings to the Commission in tort claims shall be submitted electronically in accordance with this Rule. Any document transmitted to the Commission in a manner not in accordance with this Rule shall not be accepted for filing. Plaintiffs without legal representation may file all documents with the Office of the Clerk of the Commission via the Commission's Electronic Document Filing Portal ("EDFP"), electronic mail, facsimile, U.S. Mail, private courier service, or hand delivery.
- (b) Except as set forth in Paragraph (c) of this Rule, all documents shall be transmitted to the Commission via EDFP. Information regarding how to register for and use EDFP is available at http://www.ic.nc.gov/training.html. In the event EDFP is inoperable, all documents required to be filed via EDFP shall be transmitted to the Commission via electronic mail to edfp@ic.nc.gov. Documents required to be filed via EDFP that are sent to the Commission via electronic mail when EDFP is operable shall not be accepted for filing.
- (c) The tort claims forms and documents listed in Table 1 shall not be required to be transmitted via EDFP provided all applicable qualifying conditions are met.

## Proposed Electronic Filing Rule: Torts

<u>Table 1: Forms and documents exempt from EDFP filing</u> requirements and how to file them

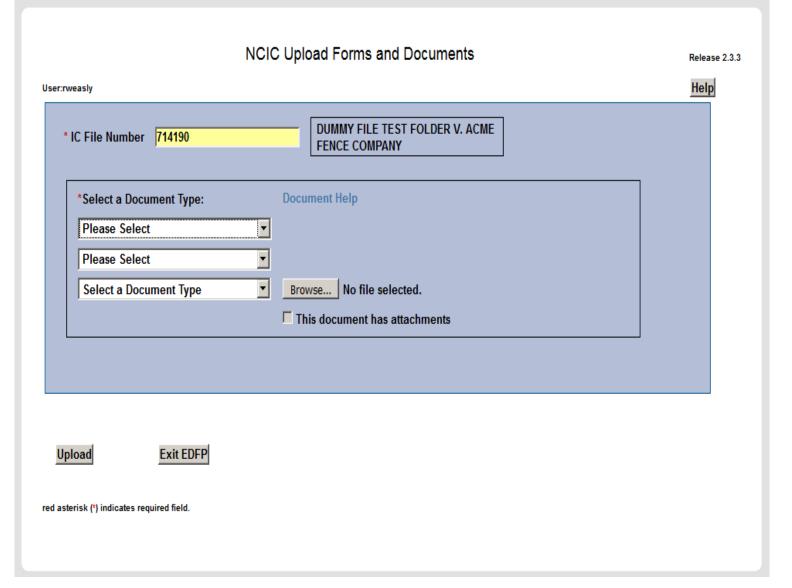
<u>DOCUMENT</u>	QUALIFYING CONDITION(S)	HOW TO FILE
Form T-1	No IC file number has been assigned	Hand delivery to the Industrial Commission's main office or by mail to 1236 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, North Carolina 27699-1236.
Form T-3	No IC file number has been assigned	Email to dockets@ic.nc.gov, hand delivery to the Industrial Commission's main office, or by mail to 1236 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, North Carolina; 27699-1236
Pre-affidavit motion under Rule 9(j)(3) of the Rules of Civil Procedure to extend the Statute of Limitations.	No IC file number has been assigned.	Hand delivery to the Industrial Commission's main office or by mail to 1236 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, North Carolina 27699-1236.

#### Proposed Electronic Filing Rule: Torts

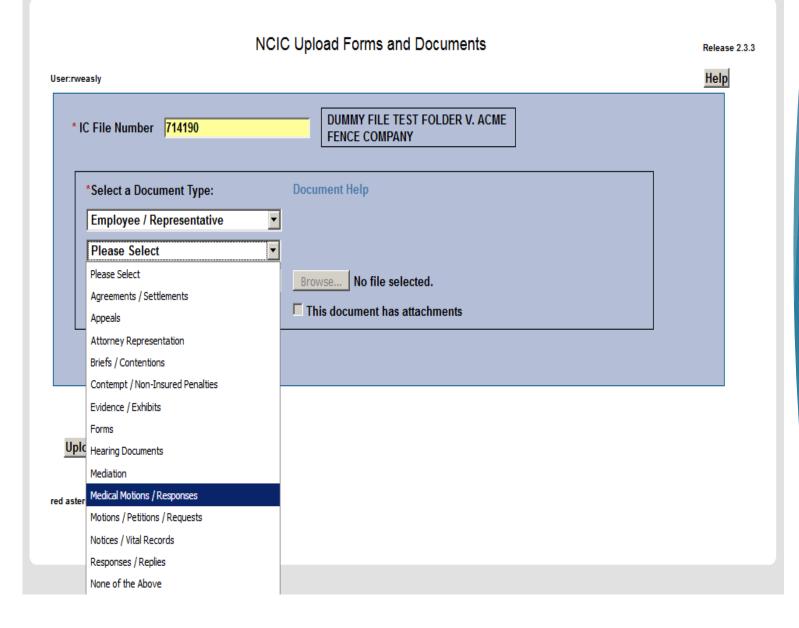
- (d) A one-year waiver shall be granted to an attorney that notifies the Commission of the attorney's inability to comply with the electronic filing requirements in Paragraph (a) of this Rule due to a lack of the necessary internet technology resources. The notification shall indicate why the attorney is unable to comply with the rule and outline the attorney's plan for coming into compliance within the one-year period. The notification shall be filed with the Office of the Clerk of the Commission via facsimile or U.S. Mail. This Subparagraph shall expire one year from the effective date of this Rule.
- (e) Any party may apply to the Commission for an emergency temporary waiver of the electronic filing requirement set forth in Paragraph (a) of this Rule when it is unable to comply because of temporary technical problems or lack of electronic mail or internet access. The request for an emergency temporary waiver shall be included with any filing submitted via facsimile, U.S. Mail, or hand delivery due to such temporary technical or access issues.
- (f) A Notice of Appeal to the North Carolina Court of Appeals shall be accepted for filing by the Commission via EDFP or U.S. Mail.

#### Proposed Rules 108 and 609A:

- Proposed 11 NCAC 23A .0108 removes Medical Motions and Responses from Table 1.
- Proposed 11 NCAC 23A .0609A (a) Medical motions brought pursuant to G.S. 97-25 and responses thereto shall be brought before either the Office of the Chief Deputy Commissioner or the Executive Secretary and shall be submitted in accordance with Rule .0108 of this Subchapter. For parties to whom the electronic filing requirements of Rule .0108(b) of this Subchapter apply, motions, responses, and notices of appeal and responses shall be submitted under the EDFP category "Medical Motions and Responses." The submitting party shall contemporaneously serve a copy of the filing to the Commission and the opposing party or opposing party's counsel, if represented.
- Proposed effective date of December 1, 2018



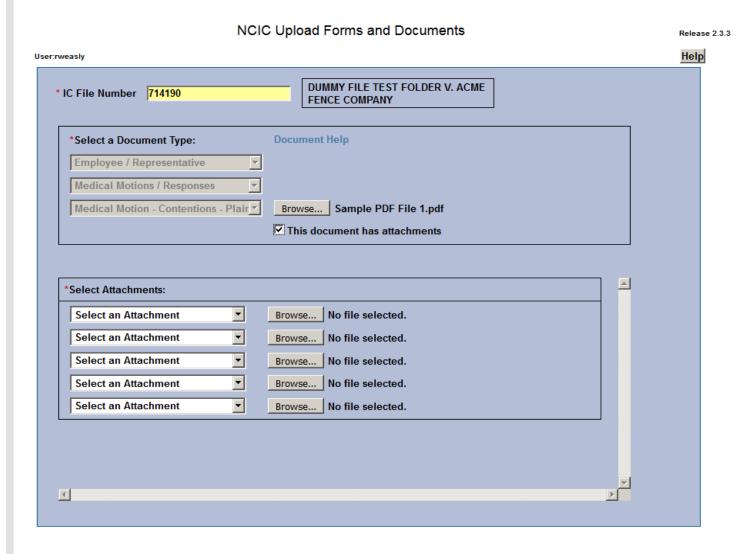
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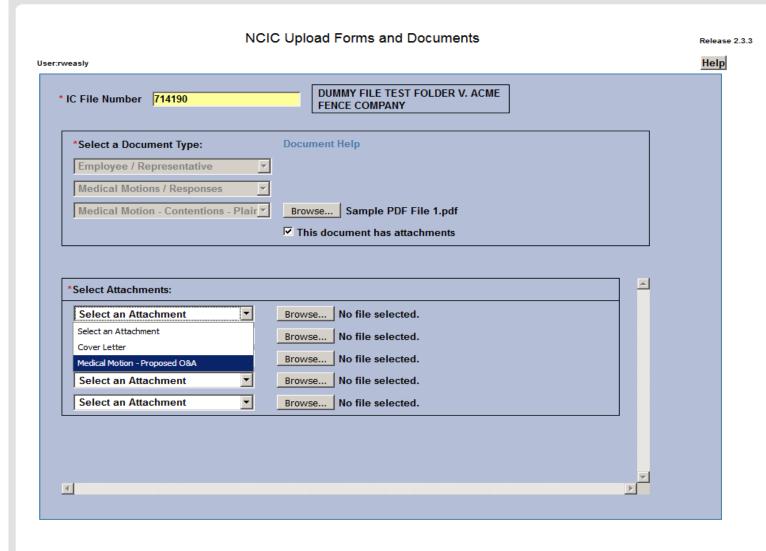
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#### Future Changes to EDFP

- New Case Management System
- Online Forms
  - Will allow injured workers and their attorneys to file claims online without IC file numbers
- Allow parties to associate filed documents with multiple IC file numbers
- Self Service: Allow parties to view files online, manage profiles online

#### EDFP Tips

- Name the documents you're uploading by case name or IC file number so you don't misfile!
- NEVER submit a document under another name: An 18 submitted as an 18M will be rejected. If you don't know how to file something, call the Clerk's Office.
- Cover letters!
- Mac Users: Firefox is the only browser that will allow you to submit all document types.
- Carriers: If sending a file to a rehab professional or an attorney, please provide the IC file number.
- NCID management: NCIDs used for EDFP are BUSINESS NCIDs. If you change jobs but still file with the Commission, you will have to get a NEW NCID.
- Correspondence: There is NO document type for correspondence in EDFP. You may still send emails to the Commission, just make sure they aren't motions disguised as emails. (See Rule 609)
- File something ONCE. Don't file via EDFP, send an email, and send via U.S. Mail.
- The best way to check on the status of an EDFP filing is to call or email—don't upload the document again via EDFP.
- Check your email for document receipts. They don't always arrive immediately.

#### Contact the Clerk's Office

- Emily Baucom 919-807-2583
- ► Emily.Baucom@ic.nc.gov
- dockets@ic.nc.gov
- **919-807-2504**
- ncicupdates-subscribe@lists.ncmail.net

## Update From the Claims Administration Section

#### **Objectives**

- Provide an update on the Claims Administration Section
- Discuss common issues with forms filed with the Claims Section

#### CLAIMS ADMINISTRATION SECTION

#### **Mission Statement**

The Claims Administration Section seeks to provide reliable, accurate, and efficient claims service to employees, employers, insurance companies, third party administrators, and the citizens of North Carolina.

### Claims Administration Section Summary FY 2017–18

Claims Opened via Form 18 Filing: 8,56		Claims (	Opened	via Form	18 Filing:	8,56
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- Claims Opened via Form 19 Filing: 54,837
- ► Total Claims Opened: 63,399
- Forms 60, 61, 63 Filed: 50,261
- Form Agreements (Form 26A) Received: 6,430
- Form Agreements (Form 26A) Approved: 5,845

## Forms Compliance Summary FY 2017–18 N.C. Gen. Stat. § 97-18(j)

	Total of Form 18's Processed:	17,519
•	Total Number of Compliant Forms:	13,511
•	Forms 60, 61 or 63 Processed Before Form 18 Filed:	4,444
•	Forms 60, 61 or 63 Filed within 30 days of Form 18:	9,067
•	Total Number of Claims not in Compliance:	4,008
•	Forms 60, 61 or 63 Filed between 31 and 60 days of Form 18:	1,161
•	Forms 60, 61 or 63 Filed between 61 and 90 days of Form 18:	392
	Forms 60, 61 or 63 Filed 91 or more days after Form 18:	508
•	Form 18 with no Forms 60, 61 or 63 Processed by end of FY 17-18:	1,947
	▶ This number includes 723 Form 18s that were filed less than 30 days before the End of	FY 17-18

#### Filing Forms Claims Administration

Effective February 1, 2017, all Forms and Motions filed with Claims Administration, MUST be filed via the Commission's Electronic Document Filing Portal ("EDFP"), pursuant to Rule 04 NCAC 10A.0108, except for the following:

DOCUMENT	QUALIFYING CONDITIONS	HOW TO FILE
Form 18	No IC file number has been assigned	Electronically to <b>forms@ic.nc.gov</b> ; by mail, facsimile, or hand delivery
Form 18B	Always exempt from EDFP filing requirements	Electronically to <b>forms@ic.nc.gov</b> ; by mail, facsimile, or hand delivery
Form 19	Always should be filed via EDI, except in claims involving non-insured employers or in claims for lung	Electronically via EDI, unless one of the exceptions apply, than electronically via <b>forms@ic.nc.gov</b> , by mail, facsimile, or hand delivery
Form 51	Always exempt from EDFP filing requirements	Electronically to forms@ic.nc.gov

### Common issues Form 19 – First Report of Injury

North Carolina	Indus	trial Commission							IC File #	
Employe	ER'	REPORT OF	<b>EMPLO</b>	YEE	e's Injury	OR		*Emp.	Code#	
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**FORM 19** 

When to File

- A Form 19 should be filed with the Commission when an injured employee has missed more than one day or has more than \$2,000 in medical expense
- Common Problems
  - Incorrect Employer Name, Address, and Phone Number
  - Expired Policies or Incorrect Policy Number
    - Updated policy information should be sent to the NC Rate Bureau
  - Incorrect Carrier Address
  - Incorrect Employer FEIN
  - No Contact Information for the Adjuster
  - Incorrect Social Security Number
    - No Social Security number? Use the date of injury
      - Example Date of Injury July 27, 2017 - 999 – 07 – 2717

#### Common issues

Form 18 – Notice of Accident to Employer & Claim of Employee, Representative, or Dependent

North Carolina Industrial Commission							
NOTICE OF ACCIDENT TO EMPLOYE	IC File #						
EMPLOYEE, REPRESENTATIVE, OR A	Emp. code #						
(G.S. §\$97-22 THROUGH 24)	Carrier Code #						
(G.S. §§97-22 THROUGH 24)		Employer FEIN_					
The U.S. File is a the unique identifier for this diptor, it will be provised by the plant the Use Of This Form Is Required Under The Provisions of The Workers' Compensation Act							
Employee's Name	Employer's Name	( ) - Telephone Number					
Address	Employer's Address	City State Zip					
City State Zip	Insurance Carrier	Policy Number					
Home Telephone	Carrier's Address	City State Zip					
Social Security Number Sex Date of Birth	Carrier's Telephone Number	Carrier's Fax Number					
described as follows: on							
Number of days out of work due to injury:  Medical treatment received?  Yes Number of hours worked  Weekly wage: \$ Number of hours worked		Days worked per week:					
NOTE: If employee is unable to sign this form, another may sign for him. This form should be typed or printed by hand in black ink, if possible. Employee should retain one signed copy of this notice, mail one signed copy to the Industrial Commission at the address below, and provide one signed copy to employer.							
Signature of (Check One) ☐ Employee, ☐ Attorney, ☐ Representative, or ☐ Dependent		( ) - Telephone Number					
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Address City	State	Zip Date Completed					
<b>EMPLOYER:</b> This notice is being sent to you in compliance with requirements of the North Carolina Workers' Compensation Act, in order that the medical services prescribed by the Act may be obtained; and, if disability extends beyond 7 days duration, or if death ensues, compensation may be paid according to law.							
FOR IC Use ONLY  RESEARCHER:  CC:  EC:  B/6/08  PAGE 1 OF 1  FOR IC Use ONLY  RESEARCHER:  RESEARC	4335 M RALEIK MAIN T M 1 Q HELPL	O: CLAIMS ADMINISTRATION AIL SERVICE CENTER BH, NORTH CAROLINA 27699-4335 ELEPHONE: (919) 807-2500 INE: (800) 688-8349 TE: HITP://WWW.COMP.STATE.NC.US/					

#### Form 18 Acknowledgment Letter

- After a Form 18 is filed and processed to the Commission, A Form 18 Acknowledgment letter is sent to the employee or plaintiff's attorney, and the Carrier. The purpose of the letter is to:
  - Confirms receipt of the Form 18
  - Informs of the IC file number
  - Notifies plaintiff that a copy of Form 18 is being sent to employer/carrier
  - Contains sanctions notice

#### Common Problems

- Form 18 Not Signed
- No Social Security Number
- No Date of Injury
- No Description of the Injury
- Handwriting is unclear
- No Cover Letter with Amended Form 18

#### Failing to Respond to Form 18

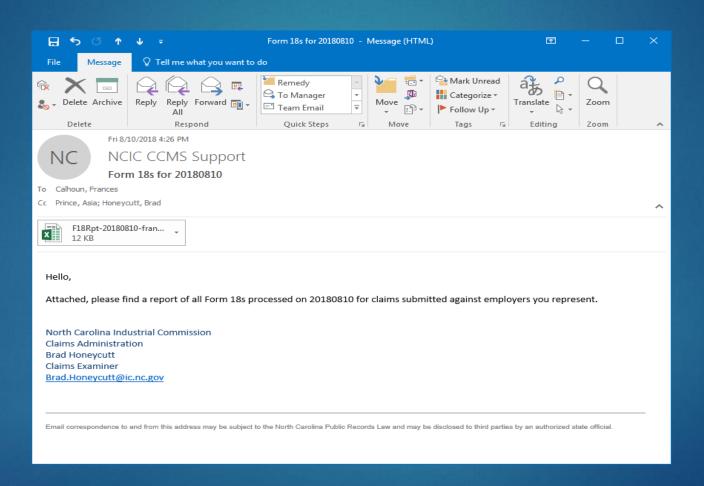
- Carriers, employers and/or Administrators <u>must</u> file a Form 60, 61, or 63 within 30 days of the Form 18 Acknowledgement letter date.
  - ► Failure to do so = \$400 sanction
- To appeal sanctions, email <u>sanctions@ic.nc.gov</u>
  - Sanction will be lifted:
    - ▶ Form 60, 61, or 63 was timely filed
    - ▶ Duplicate claim & Form 60, 61, or 63 filed in duplicate file
    - Wrong carrier identified
    - Plaintiff files for voluntary dismissal without prejudice



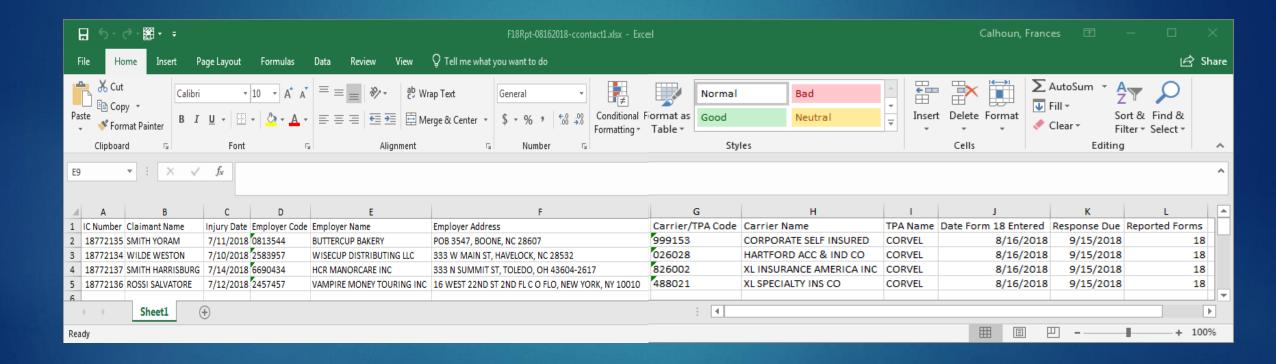
#### Form 18 Reporting Email

To facilitate timely notification to the applicable carriers/TPAs of Form 18s processed by Claims, an application has been proposed to send an email nightly to carriers/TPAs with a report of the Form 18s processed that day.

### Form 18 Reporting Email Cont. Email Mockup



### Form 18 Reporting Email Cont. report Mockup



#### Changes to Sanction Process

- ▶ Effective December 1, 2017, the following changes went into effect for sanctions issued pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. §97-18(j):
  - ► The amount sanctioned upon Carriers/Employers for failing to file a Form 60, 61, or 63 within thirty (30) days following notice from the Commission of the filing of a claim, pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. §97-18(j), shall increase from \$200.00 to \$400.00.
  - After the initial sanction of \$400.00 for failure to timely file a Form 60, 61, or 63, Carriers/Employers shall have thirty (30) days anew in which to remit payment-infull for the sanction AND to file a Form 60, 61, or 63. Failure to do either will result in an additional \$200.00 sanction and being referred to an Enforcement Docket before the Commission for additional sanctions potentially including, but not limited to, Contempt for failure to remit payment in full and/or failure to file a Form 60, 61, or 63.

## Common issues Form 26A –Employer's Admission of Employee's Right to Permanent Partial Disability

- Common Problems
  - Cover letter with no contact information
  - No medical records
  - No job description
  - Missing signatures
  - No amputation chart
  - Line 4 "7 Day waiting period"
  - Line 8 "Date of First Payment" Should be latter of MMI or return to work date
  - Overpayments Form 28B required

### Rejected Filings



Attached please find documents recently submitted by you through EDFP as well as the corresponding document receipt. The document(s) actually submitted are not consistent with the document(s) noted on the document receipt and thus the document(s) are being rejected and will be deleted from our system.

Please check the document(s) you are attempting to file for the correct IC file number, claimant name, and/or the correct document type before resubmitting them. If you need filing assistance, please don't hesitate to call.

#### Claims Administration Staff

- ▶ **Asia Prince**, Director
- Gayla Parks, Administrative Assistant & Coverage Research
- Greta Johnson, Processing Assistant, Form 18s & Forms Email
- Susan DeAllaume, Processing Assistant, Form 18s
- Thao Treslar, Processing Assistant, Form 18s
- Marcia Young, Processing Assistant, Form 18s
- Givanni Holmes, Processing Assistant, Form 18s
- Corina McLaughlin, Processing Assistant, Form 18s

- Stefani Bennett, Processing Assistant, Form 19s
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- Gwendolyn Herndon, Processing Assistant, Form 18Bs & Coverage Research
- Nathan Brannon, Processing Assistant, Form 6Xs
- Brad Honeycutt, Processing Assistant, Sanctions
- **Chantile Stevens**, Lead Claims Examiner
- Shirley Bullock, Claims Examiner
- Sally Murrell, Claims Examiner
- Christina McDowell, Claims Examiner