



# U.S. Dept of Energy Continues Classified Experiments on Humans

## Programs dubbed 'Moose Drool' and 'Hidden Valley'

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The U.S. government continues to perform secretive experiments on human subjects, with partial information about these continuing experiments released under a Freedom of Information Act.

At least 12 programs run by the Department of Energy are using human beings as part of the experiments, which operate under unusual names such as "Moose Drool," "Little Workers," and "Hidden Valley" and others.



An unclassified [list of these experiments](#) was provided to the Federation of American Scientists under a Freedom of Information Act request and included in the organization's [August newsletter](#).

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Little information about the nature of these experiments was provided by the government, which lists the number of participants in the programs at around 300.

"Human subjects research refers broadly to the collection of scientific data from human subjects," from a review of the experiments. "This could involve physical procedures that are performed on the subjects through interviews and other forms of interaction with them."

Controversy has surrounded past efforts by the U.S. government to conduct human experiments, including radiation tests that sparked a government committee years ago.

"Research using human subjects provides important medical and scientific benefits to individuals and society. The need for this research does not, however, outweigh the need to protect individual rights and interests," noted, quoting the DOE's [2016](#) guidance on protection of human subjects in classified research.

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