

# ***Veterans Benefits Administration Compensation Service RADIATION***

**Brief for: Veterans Advisory Board on Dose Reconstruction (VBDR)**

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# *Agenda Overview*

- VA Updates
- Staffing Assigned to Radiation
- Radiation Receipts FY 2012– FY 2013
- Radiation Completions
- Radiation Priorities
- Atmospheric Skin Grants/Denials
- Radiation Inventory
- Status of Pending Inventory
- Snapshot of Pending Claims (Presumptive – Non-Presumptive)
- Timeliness of Pending Claims
- Timeliness of Completed Claims

# ***Compensation Service Radiation Claims Processing***

## **October 1, 2011 to Present**

– Completed	628
– SC granted	40
– SC denied	545
– Returned for Development	30
– RECA	1112
– Pending in C&P	34

## ***VBDR Impacts on VA Claims Process***

- Consolidate claims processing to single site (June 2006)
- Atomic Veterans should be service connected for basal cell carcinoma and melanoma (June 2006)
- Provide further guidance to Jackson Radiation staff and VA regional office staff (April 2008)
- Notify Veterans of the Ionizing Radiation Registry and RECA Program) June 2009
- Undertake a focused quality review of claims decisions (June 2009)

## ***VBDR Impacts on VA Claims Process (cont.)***

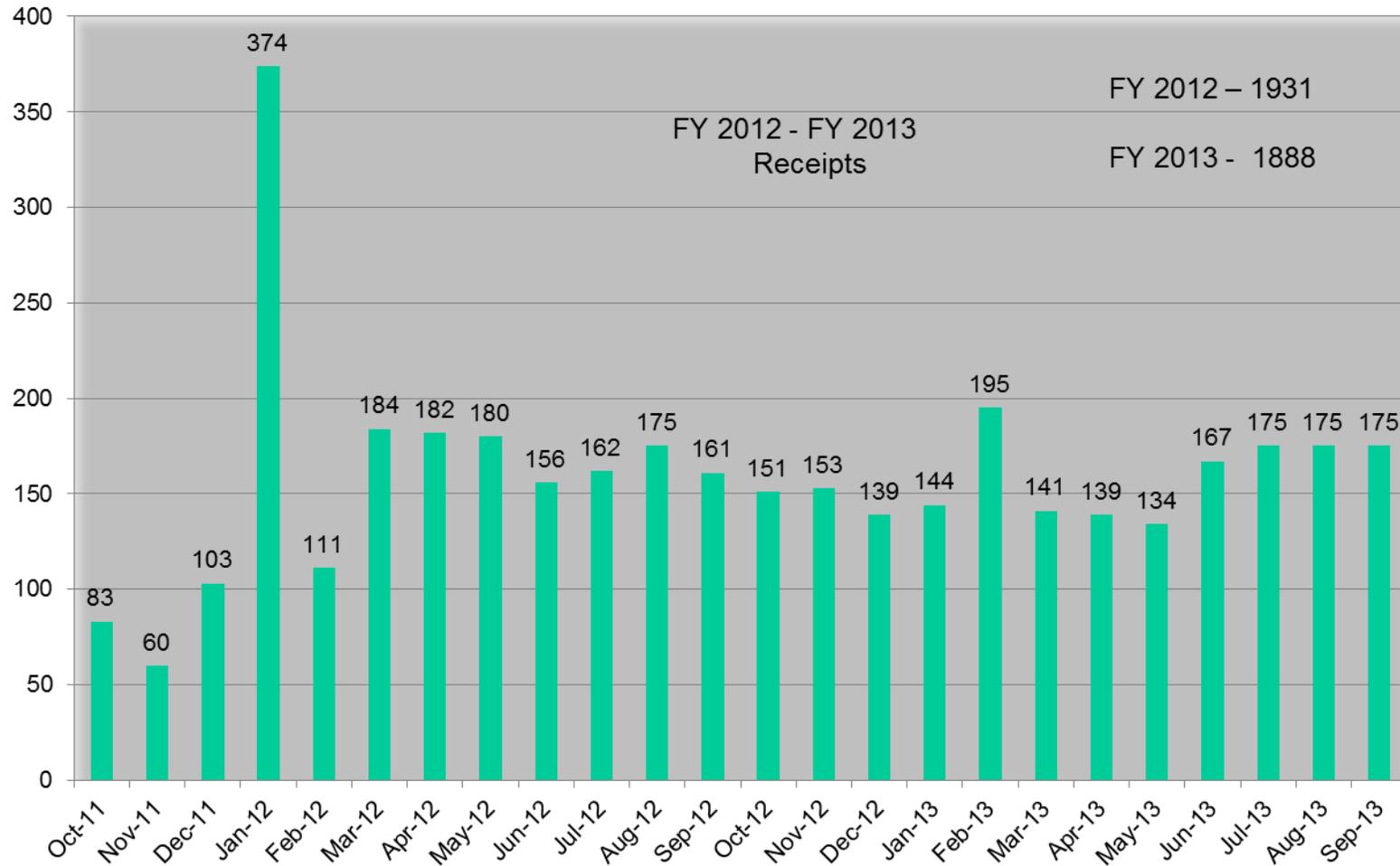
- Work with DTRA to develop screening process for subcapsular cataracts (March 2010)

# **Staffing Assigned to VA Compensation Program for Atomic Veterans**

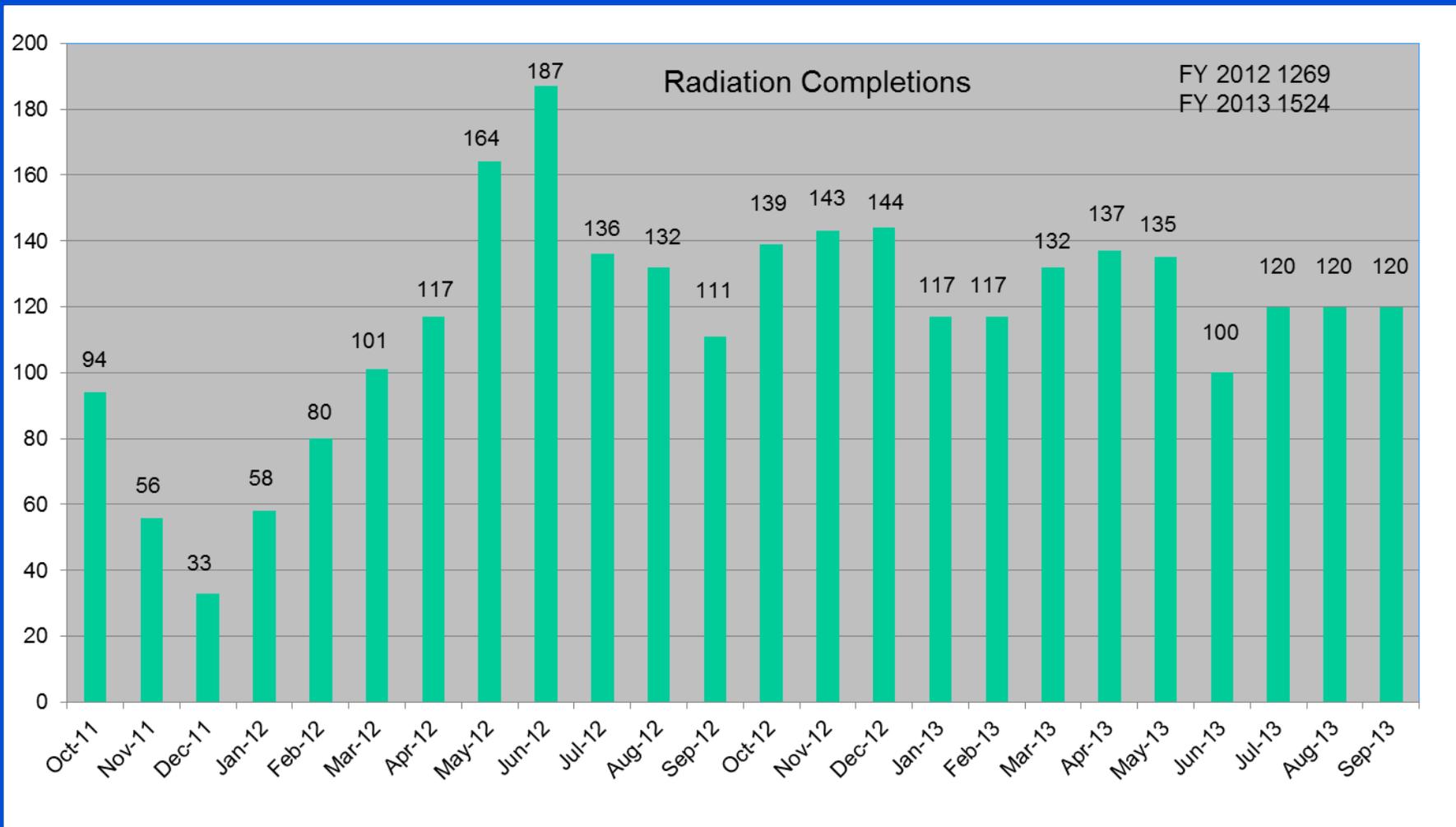
## JACKSON RADIATION PROJECT

Position	FTE Assigned July 2013	FTE Projected Additional Consolidation began 01-04-12	Net Result
AVSCM	1	1	0
RVSR	3	2	1
Super Senior VSR	1	1	0
Senior VSR	6	11	<b>-5</b>
Claims Assistant	1	1	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>-4</b>

# Radiation Claim Receipts FY 2012 – FY 2013



# Radiation Completions FY 2012– FY 2013



# ***Radiation Priorities - 2013 Priorities/Goals***

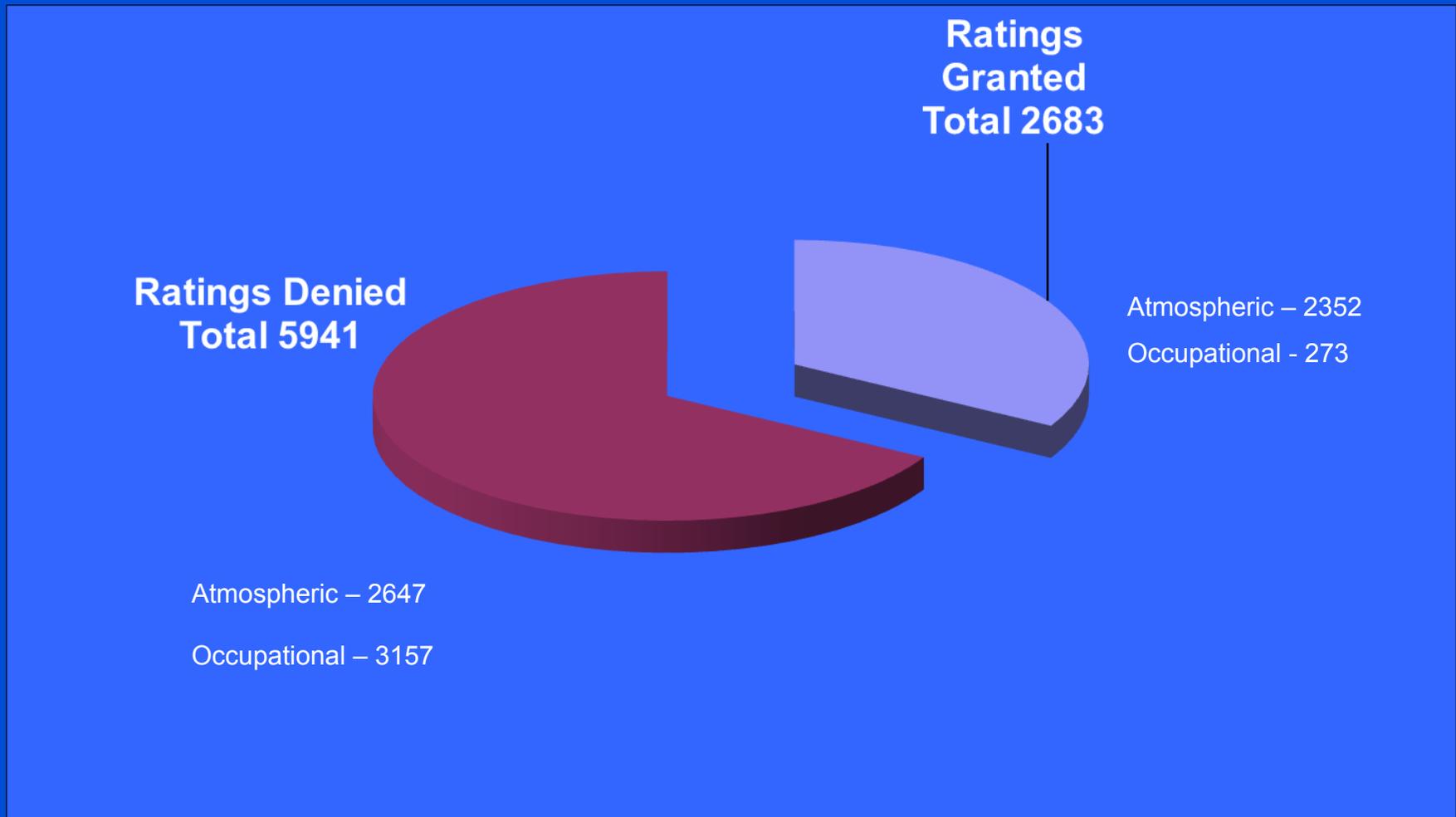
**Expedite the processing of “Special Issue” claims (Homeless, FPOW, Hardship, Terminally Ill, Original Widow DIC claims)**

**Reduce all Radiation Claims prior to July 1, 2011, based on VBA Letter 20-13-05, “Guidance Regarding Special Initiative to Process Rating Claims Over Two Years”, dated April 19, 2013.**

**Reduce all Radiation Claims prior to October 23, 2012, based on VBA Letter 20-13-07, “Guidance Regarding Special Initiative to Process Rating Claims Over One Year”, dated June 21, 2013.**

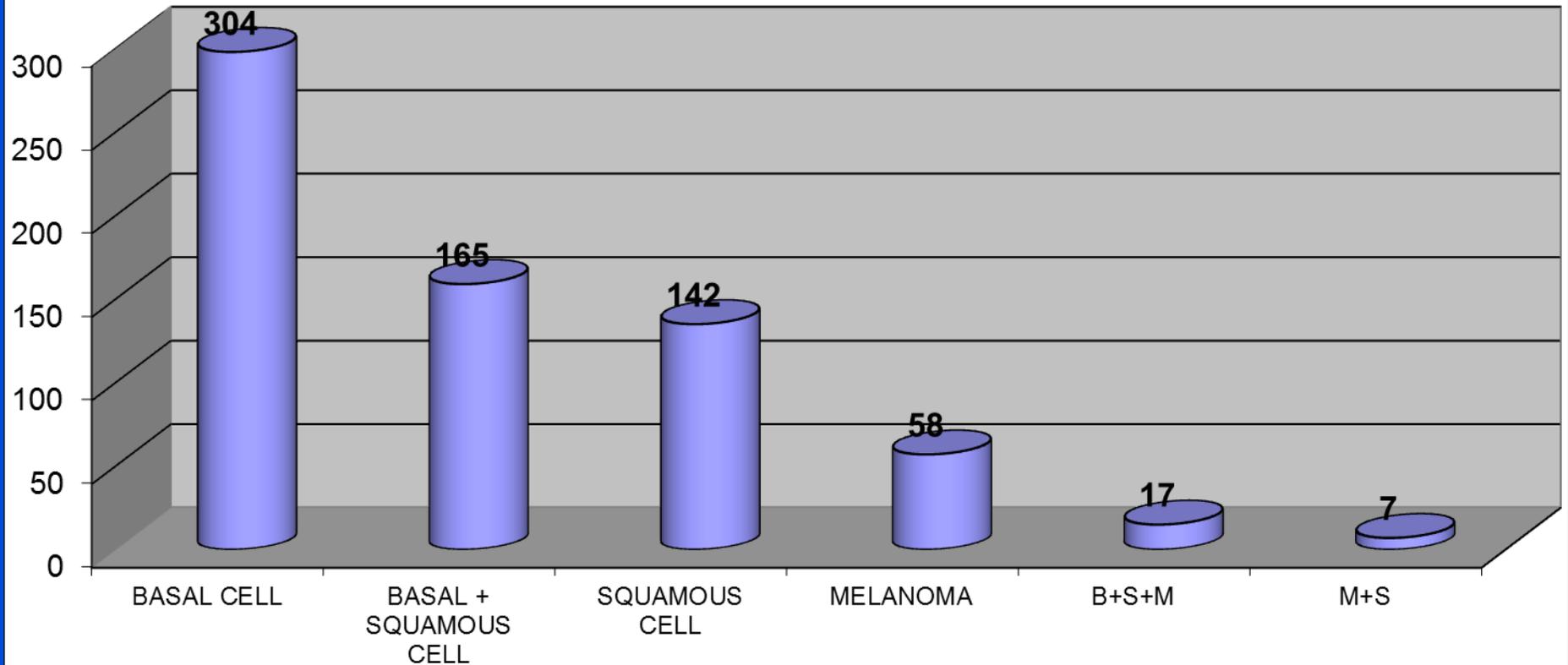
**Improve Quality and meet strategic goal of 98% Rating quality by 2015**

# Total Radiation Completions (Grant/Denial)

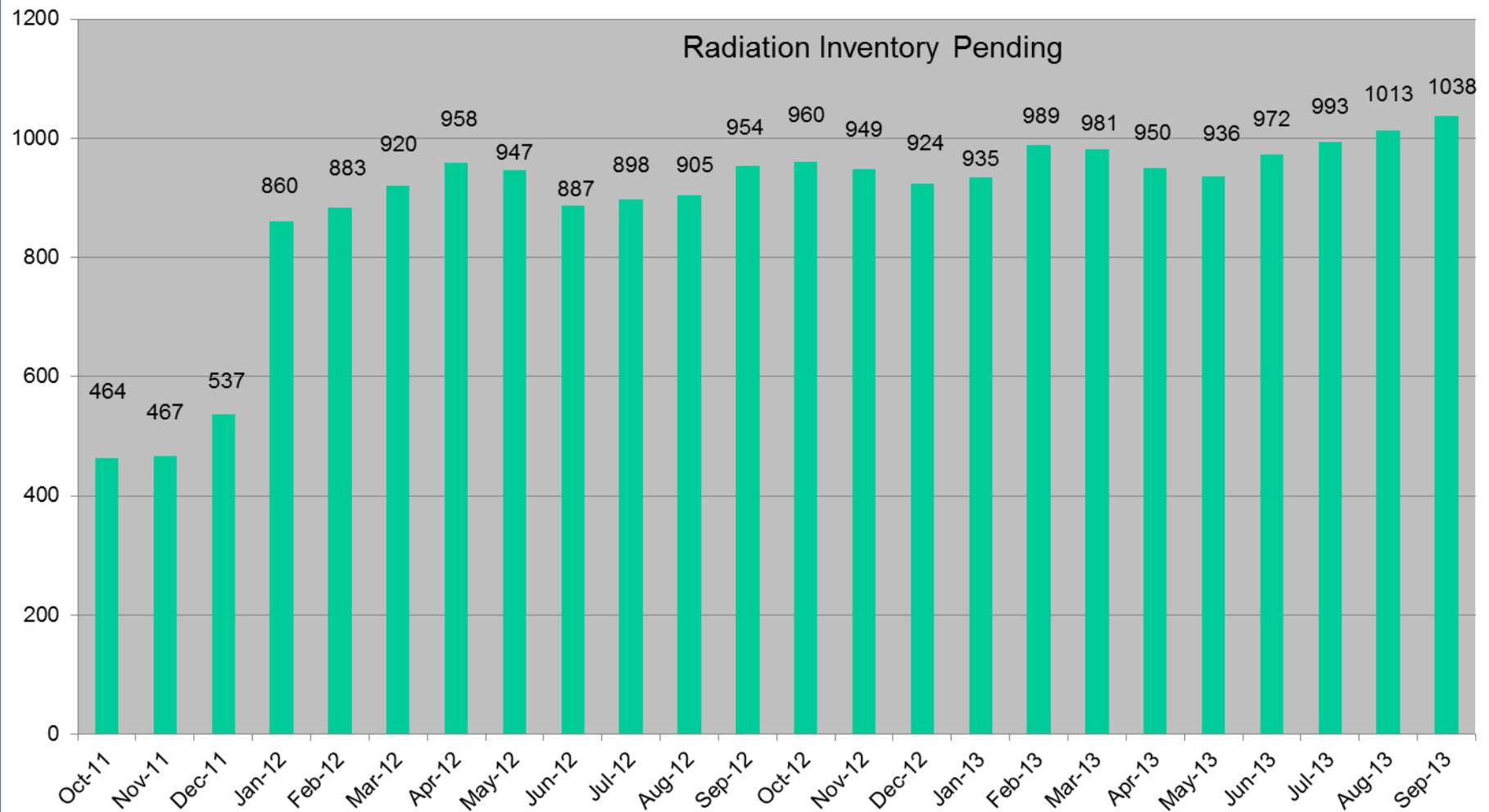


# *Atmospheric Skin Cancer Cases Granted*

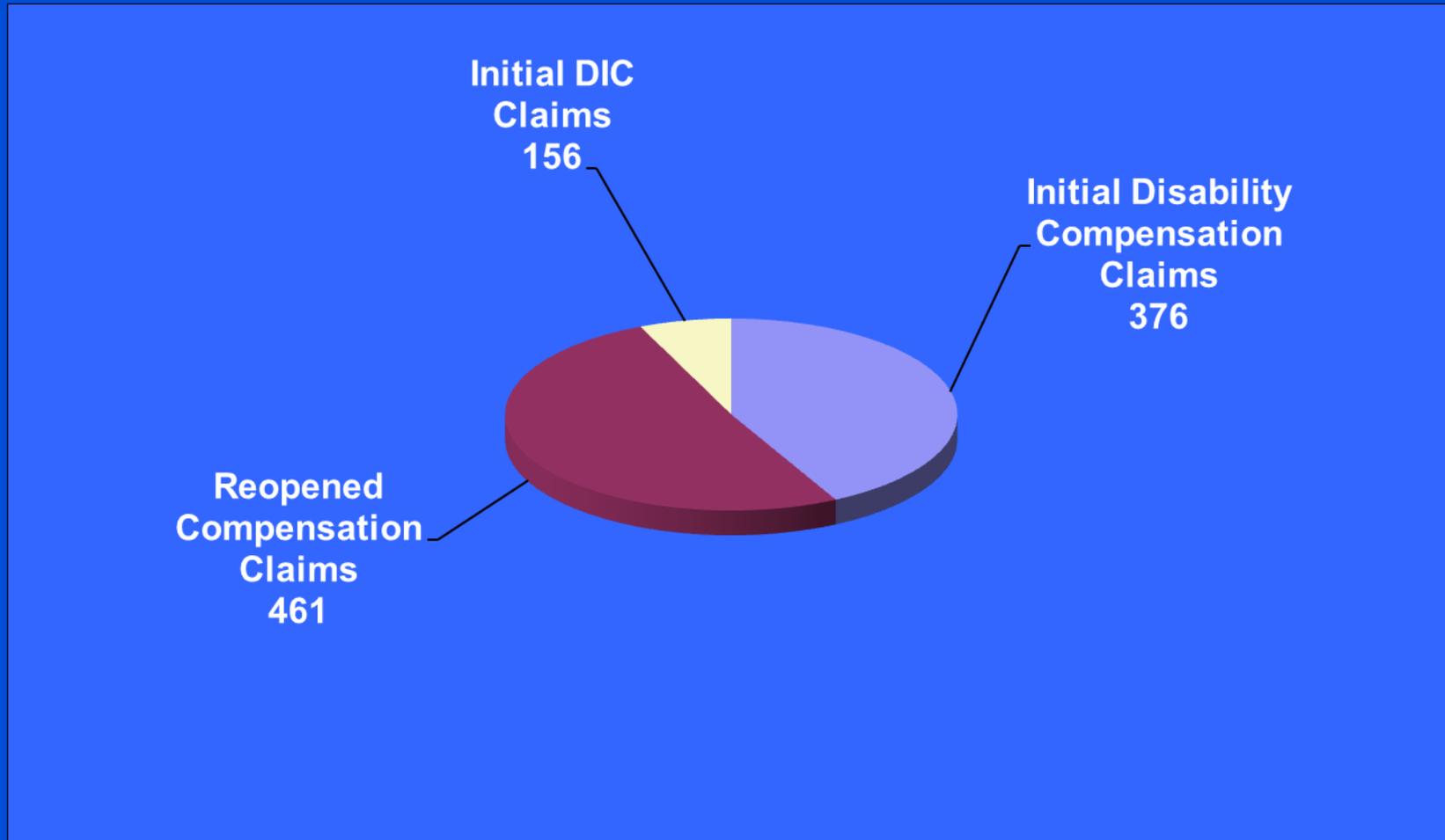
SKIN CANCER GRANTS  
693 cases



# Pending Radiation Inventory



# Pending Caseload By Claim Type (993 Cases)

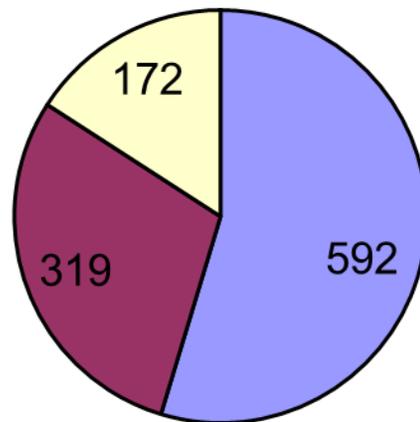


## *Status of Pending Cases*

Awaiting Evidence from Veteran/Third Party	<b>364</b>
Pending Review (Incoming)	<b>106</b>
Ready For Decision	<b>98</b>
DTRA Open	<b>417</b>
Initial Development Pending	<b>8</b>
Total	<b>993</b>

# Pending Claims for Processing by Type

## Pending Claims Type Breakout

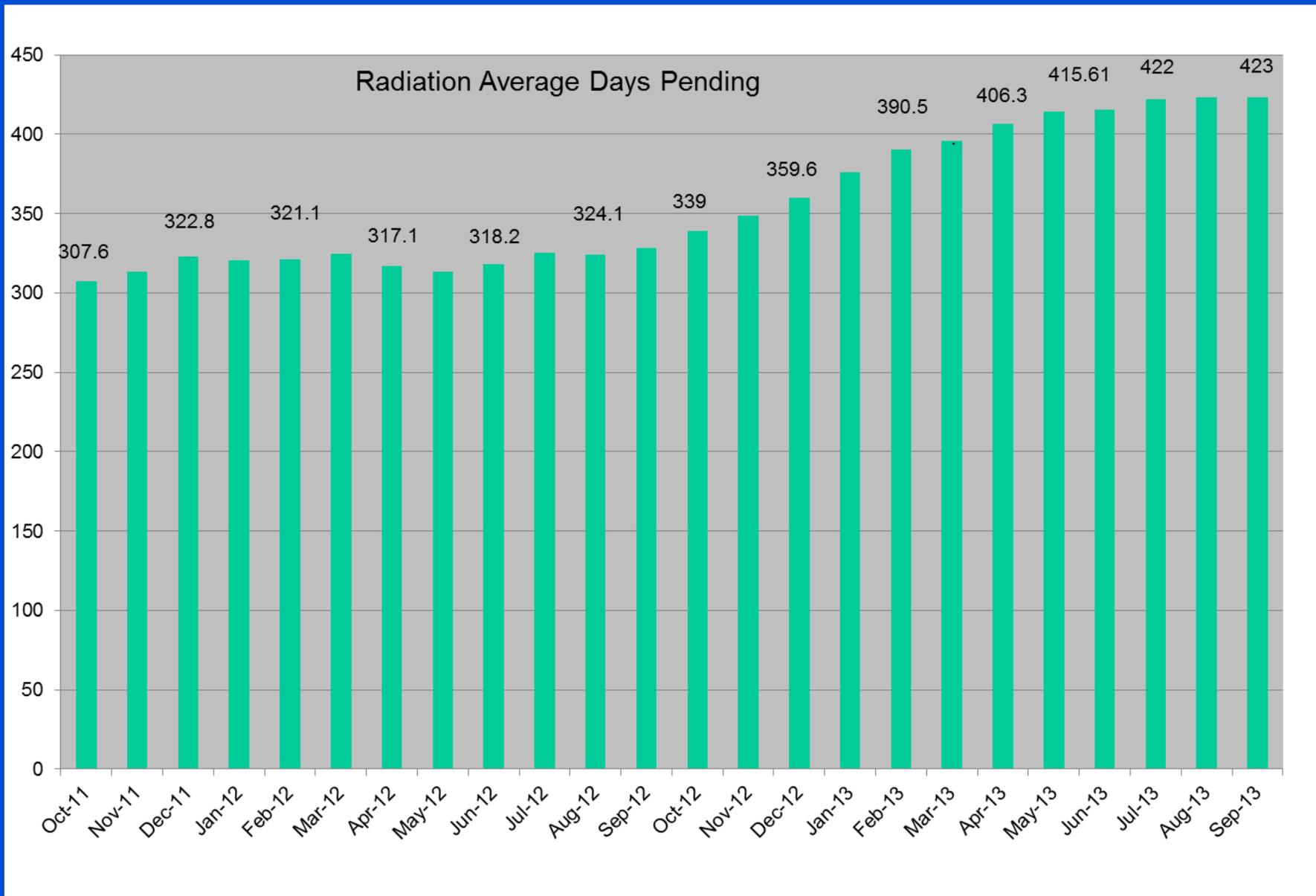


■ Atmospheric

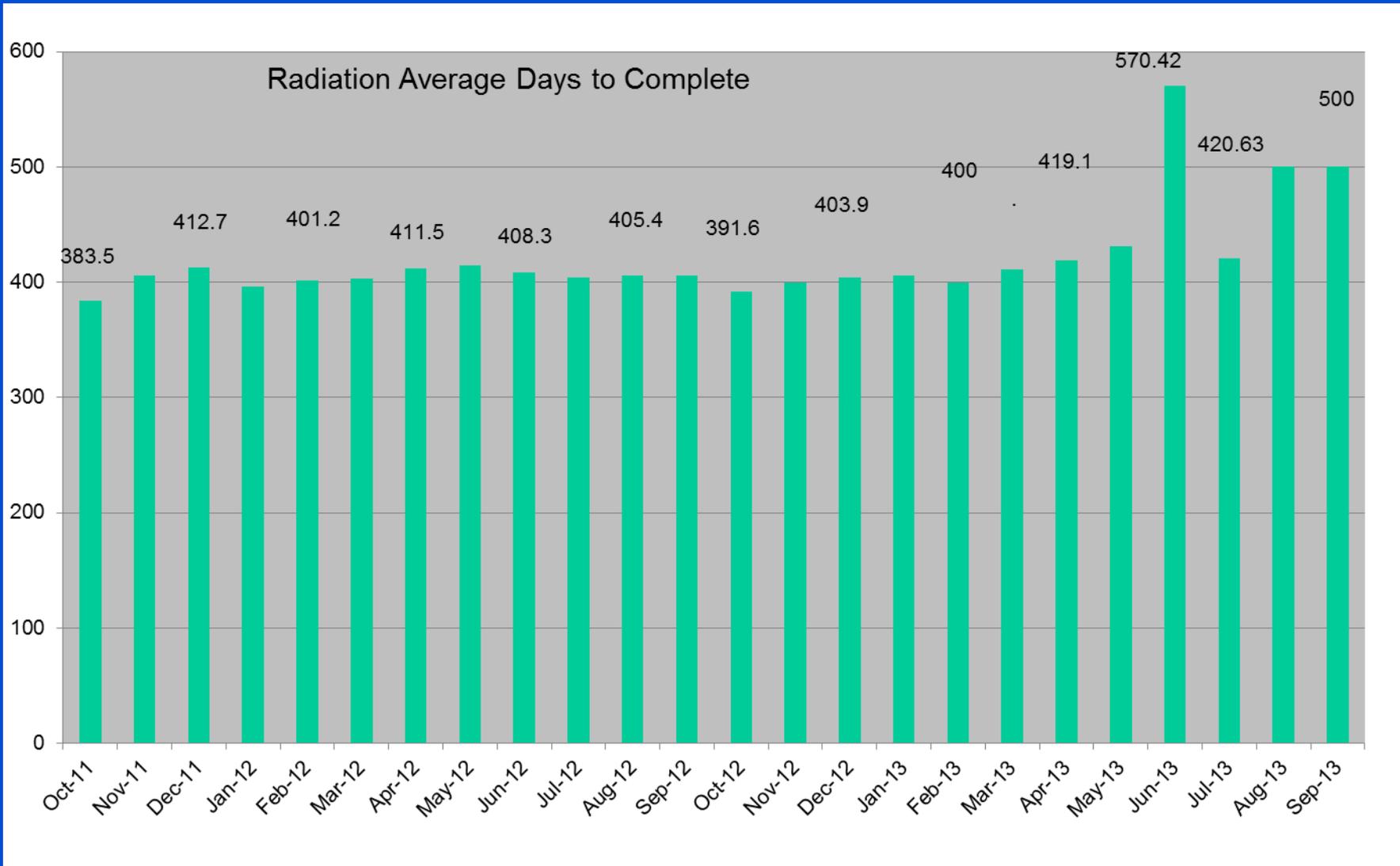
■ Occupational

■ Both Atmospheric & Occupational

# Average Days Pending Radiation (Timeliness) –



# Average Days To Complete FYTD Radiation (Timeliness) –



# Questions and Discussion