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# OSM UPDATE

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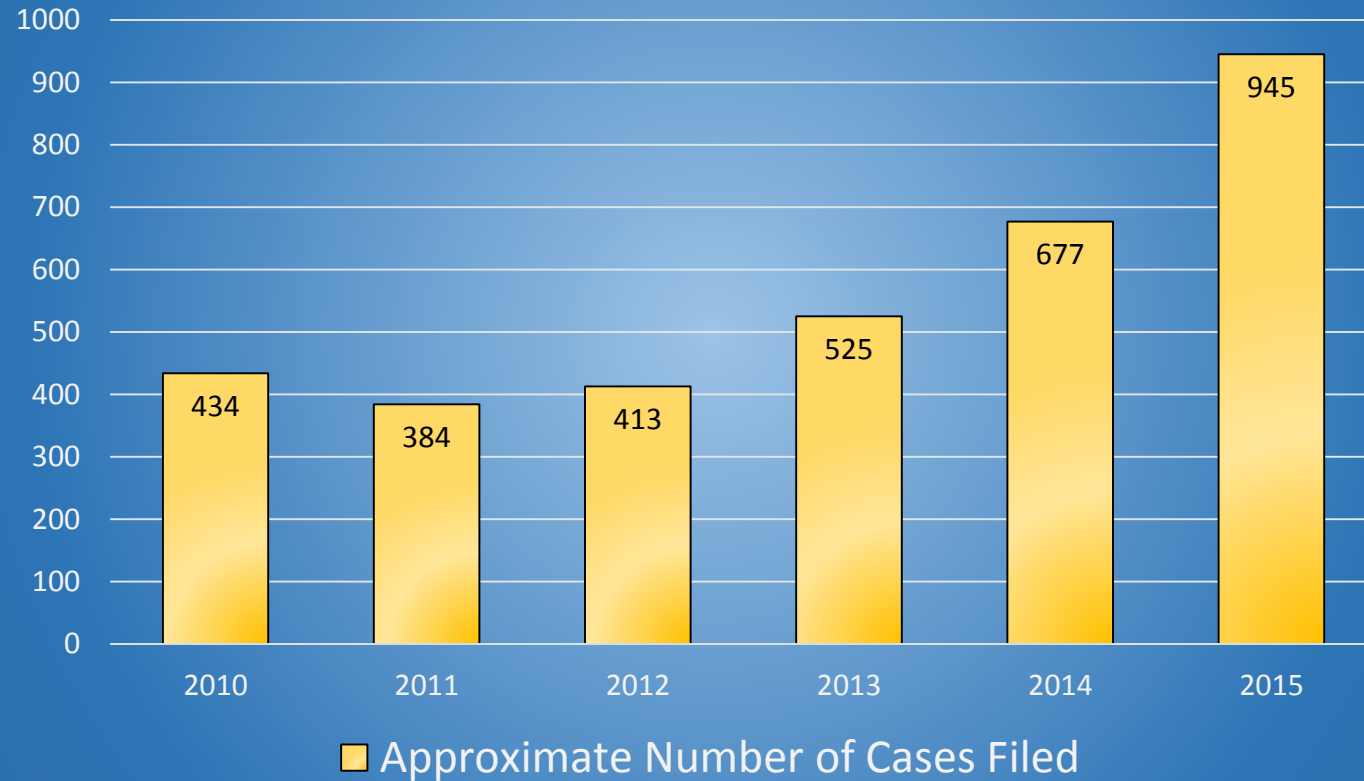
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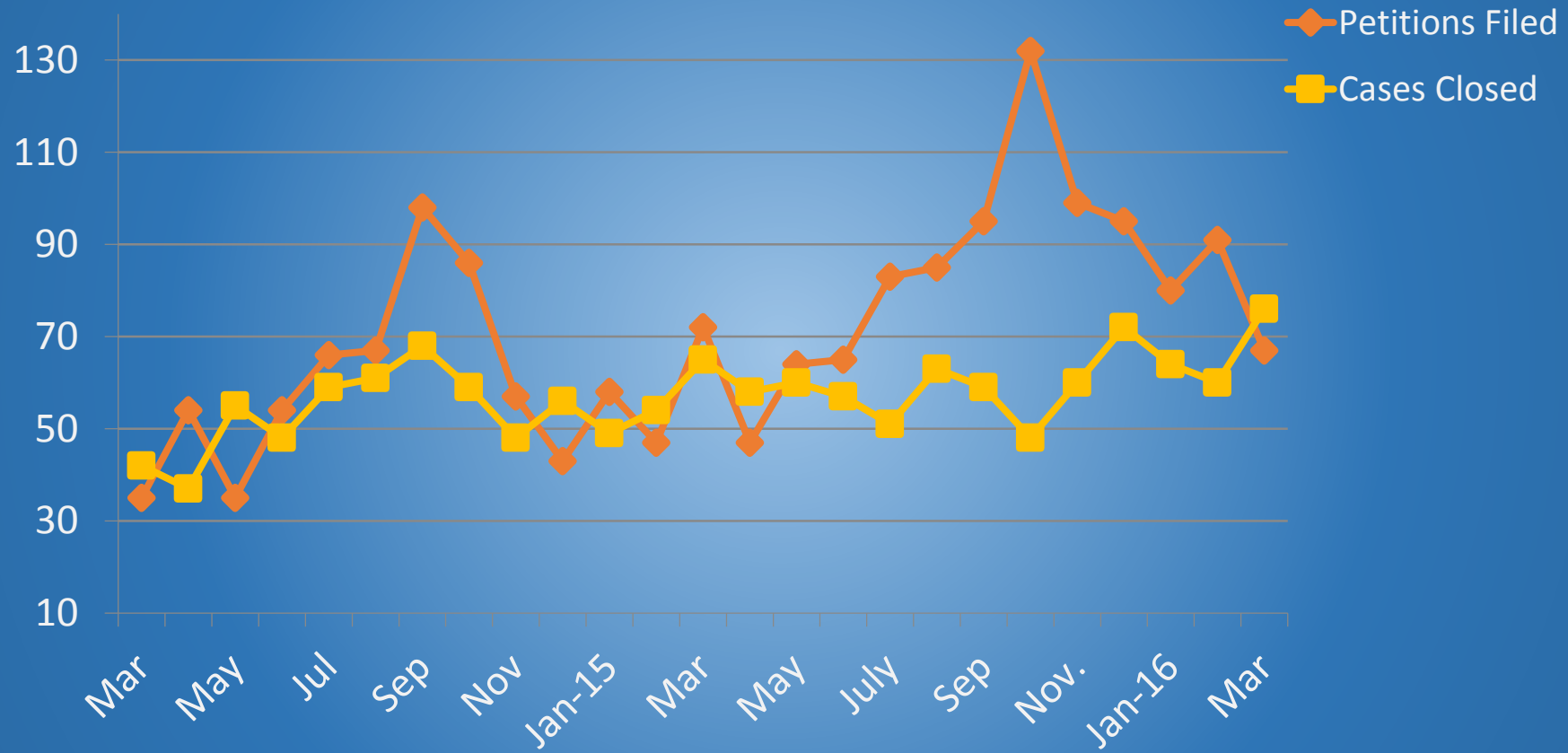
# ISSUES

- Climbing caseload
- Attorneys' fees and costs disputes

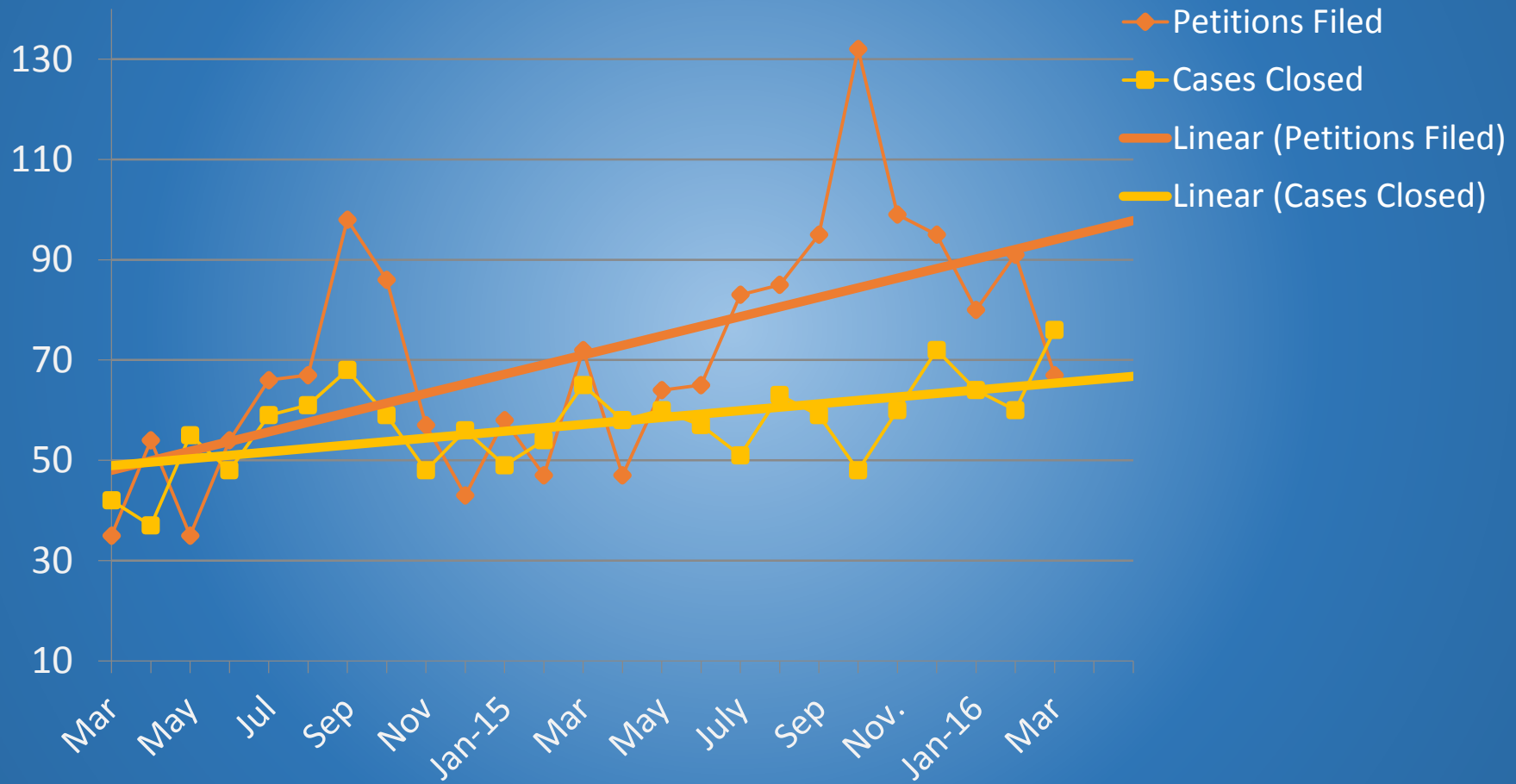
## Cases Filed Per Calendar Year



# OSM Activity by Month (March 2014 – March 2016)



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# OSM CASE OUTCOMES

| Year | Cases Filed | Cases Closed | % Closed | Avg. Days Pending |
|------|-------------|--------------|----------|-------------------|
| 2012 | 413         | 368          | 89%      | 515               |
| 2013 | 525         | 433          | 82%      | 468               |
| 2014 | 677         | 440          | 64%      | 342               |
| 2015 | 945         | 240          | 25%      | 200               |

First Quarter 2016



# SPECIAL PROCESSING UNIT - "SPU"

- Started in July 2014
- Added to the *Guidelines for Practice Under the National Vaccine Injury Compensation Program*. Available at:  
<http://www.uscfc.uscourts.gov/sites/default/files/GUIDLINES-FOR-PRACTICE-4212016.pdf>
- The SPU will be discussed in greater detail this afternoon at 4:30 as part of Judge Horn's discussion of Developments in ADR & Pro Bono Representation.

# ATTORNEYS' FEES AND COSTS

- New position taken by respondent
- Contested hourly rates
- Reasonable basis contested
- Interim fees
- Increased litigation

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