Agent Orange Presumption – Update following PACT Act of 2022

Presumptive Diseases

AL Amyloidosis

A rare disease caused when an abnormal protein, amyloid, enters tissues or organs

Bladder Cancer

A type of cancer that affects the bladder where urine is stored before it leaves the body

Chronic B-cell Leukemias

A type of cancer which affects white blood cells

Chloracne

A skin condition that looks like common forms of acne. Must be at least 10% disability within one year of exposure.

Diabetes Mellitus Type 2

A disease characterized by high blood sugar levels from the body's inability to respond to the hormone insulin

<u>Hypertension</u>

High blood pressure

Hodgkin's Disease

A malignant lymphoma (cancer) characterized by progressive enlargement of the lymph nodes, liver, and spleen, and anemia

Hypothyroidism

A condition that causes the thyroid gland to not produce enough of certain hormones

Ischemic Heart Disease

A disease characterized by a reduced supply of blood to the heart

Monoclonal gammopathy of undetermined significance (MGUS)

A protein in the blood that may cause rash or nerve problems, tingling or numbness

Multiple Myeloma

A cancer of plasma cells, a type of white blood cells in bone marrow

Non-Hodgkin's Lymphoma

A group of cancers that affect the lymph glands and other lymphatic tissue

Parkinsonsism

Any condition that causes a combination of abnormal movements, including slow movements, trouble speaking, stiff muscles, or tremors.

Parkinson's Disease

A progressive disorder of nervous system affecting muscle movement

Peripheral Neuropathy, Early-Onset

A nervous system condition causing numbness, tingling, and motor weakness. Must be at least 10% disabling within one year of exposure

Porphyria Cutanea Tarda

Liver dysfunction and thinning and blistering of the skin in sun-exposed areas. Must be at least 10% disabling within year of exposure

Prostate Cancer

Cancer of the prostate

Respiratory Cancers

Cancers of the lung, larynx, trachea, and bronchus

Soft Tissue Sarcomas

(other than osteosarcoma, chondrosarcoma, Kaposi's sarcoma, or mesothelioma)
A group of cancers in body tissues such as muscle, fat, blood and lymph vessels, and connective tissues

Acknowledged Dates of Agent Orange Exposure:

- Vietnam (including BWN within 12 mi):
 Jan 9th 1962 –
 May 7th, 1975
- Korean DMZ

April 1st, 1968 – Aug 31st, 1971

- Thailand (any US or Royal Thai military base)
 Jan 9th, 1962 –
 June 30th, 1976
- Laos

Dec 1st, 1965 – Sept 30th, 1969

- Cambodia (at Mimot or Krek, Kampong Cham Province)
 April 16th, 1969 –
 April 30th, 1969
- Guam or American Samoa (inc. in territorial waters)

Jan 9th, 1962 – July 30th, 1980

Johnston Atoll

(including on ship) Jan 1st, 1972 – Sept 30th, 1977

C-123 Airplanes

(flight, ground maintenance, and crew) 1969-86 (Only certain C-123's are "on the list.")

Additional Resources

<u>Disability Compensation</u> - https://www.publichealth.va.gov/exposures/agentorange/index.asp <u>Agent Orange Registry</u> - https://www.publichealth.va.gov/exposures/agentorange/benefits/registry-exam.asp

Gulf War & SW Asia Presumptive Diseases – PACT Act of 2022

Presumptive Illnesses from Gulf War and SW Asia

Myalgic Encaphalomyelitis / Chronic Fatigue Syndrome

A condition of long-term and severe fatigue that is not relieved by rest and is not directly caused by other conditions

Undiagnosed Illnesses

Cluster of symptoms resulting in either an undiagnosed illness, or a diagnosed illness without a known cause

Infectious Diseases

Malaria, Brucellosis, Campylobacter Jejuni, Coxiella Burnetii (Q Fever), Mycobacterium Tuberculosis, Nontyphoid Salmonella, Shigella, Visceral Leishmaniasis, West Nile Virus

Functional Gastrointestinal Disorders

Chronic or recurrent symptoms related to any part of the GI tract. Examples include irritable bowel syndrome, functional dyspepsia, and functional abdominal pain syndrome

Fibromyalgia

A condition characterized by widespread muscle pain, insomnia, morning stiffness, headache, and memory problems.

For more information on SW Asia exposure: https://www.publichealth.va.gov/exposures/gulfwar/index.asp

For more information on infectious diseases: https://www.publichealth.va.gov/exposures/gulfwar/infectious_diseases.asp

<u>Dates of Exposure</u> Active duty August 2, 1990 to the present:

- Iraq
- Kuwait
- Saudi Arabia
- Neutral zone between Iraq and Saudi Arabia
- Bahrain
- Qatar
- The United Arab Emirates
- Oman
- Waters of the Persian Gulf, the Arabian Sea, the Red Sea, Gulf of Aden, Gulf of Oman
- The airspace above these locations

Airborne Hazards and Burn Pit Exposures

The PACT Act added more than 20 burn pit and other toxic exposure presumptive conditions. These cancers and illness that are now presumptive include:

- Brain cancer
- Gastrointestinal cancer of any type
- Glioblastoma
- Head cancer of any type
- Kidney cancer
- Lymphatic cancer of any type
- Lymphoma of any type
- Melanoma
- Neck cancer
- Pancreatic cancer
- Reproductive cancer of any type
- Respiratory cancer of any type

- Asthma that was diagnosed after service
- Chronic bronchitis
- Chronic obstructive pulmonary disease
- Chronic rhinitis
- Chronic sinusitis
- Constrictive bronchiolitis or obliterative bronchiolitis
- Emphysema
- Granulomatous disease
- Interstitial lung disease
- Pleuritis
- Pulmonary fibrosis
- Sarcoidosis

Note: There is no longer a requirement that symptoms manifest within 10 years

Apply for VA Healthcare

www.VA.gov/health-care or call 877-222-8387

Burn Pit Registry

https://veteran.mobilehealth.va.gov/AHBurnPitRegistry/ 877-470-5947

Connect with a Veteran Service Officer:

https://www.oregon.gov/odva/Services/Pages/County-Services.aspx 503-373-2085

<u>Dates of Exposure:</u> On or after 9/11/2001:

- Afghanistan
- Diibouti
- Egypt
- Jordan
- Lebanon
- Syria
- Uzbekistan
- Yemen
- The airspace above any of these locations

On or after 8/2/1990:

- Bahrain
- Iraq
- Kuwait
- Oman
- Qatar
- Saudi Arabia
- Somalia
- United Arab Emirates
- The airspace above any of these locations