

**DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE****Office of the Secretary****Veterans' Advisory Board on Dose Reconstruction**

**AGENCY:** Department of Defense, Defense Threat Reduction Agency.

**ACTION:** Advisory Board Meeting Notice.

**SUMMARY:** Under the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act of 1972 (5 U.S.C., Appendix, as amended) and the Sunshine in the Government Act of 1976 (5 U.S.C. 552b, as amended) the Defense Threat Reduction Agency (DTRA) and the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) announce the following advisory board meeting:

*Name of Committee:* Veterans' Advisory Board on Dose Reconstruction (VBDR).

*Dates of Meeting:* September 19–20, 2007.

*Location:* Jesse Brown VA Medical Center, Multi Conference Center B and C, Room 2446, 820 S. Damen Ave., Chicago, Illinois 60612.

*Time:* Wednesday, September 19, 2007, from 8:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m. and 2:30–5:15 p.m. with a public comment session from 1:30–2:30 p.m., and Thursday, September 20, 2007, from 8:30–11 a.m. and 12:15–12:45 p.m. with a public comment session from 11:15 a.m.–12:15 p.m.

*Purpose of Meeting:* To obtain, review and evaluate information related to the Board mission to provide guidance and oversight of the dose reconstruction and claims compensation programs for veterans of U.S.-sponsored atmospheric nuclear weapons tests from 1945–1962; veterans of the 1945–1946 occupation of Hiroshima and Nagasaki, Japan; and veterans who were prisoners of war in those regions at the conclusion of World War II. In addition, the advisory board will assist the VA and DTRA in communicating with the veterans.

*Meeting Agenda:* On Wednesday, the meeting will open with an introduction of the Board. The following briefings will be presented: “A Review of Probability of Causation and Its Use in a Compensation Scheme for Nuclear Industry Workers in the United Kingdom” by Dr. Richard Wakeford; “An Atomic Veterans Experience on Nuclear Weapons Tests in 1958” by Mr. John C. Taschner; “Revised Quality Plan for the NTPR Enterprise” by Dr. Richard Toohey; “Status of the Jackson VA Regional Office” by Ms. Carol Sullivan and Ms. Laraine Borden; “A Report from Subcommittee 5 on Alternative Methods for Dose Reconstruction” by Dr. Ronald Blanck; “NTPR Dose Reconstruction

and Veterans Communication Activities” by Dr. Paul Blake; and “VA Radiation Claims Compensation Program for Veterans” by Mr. Thomas Pamperin.

On Thursday, the four subcommittees established during the inaugural VBDR session will report on their activities since March 2007. The subcommittees are the “Subcommittee on DTRA Dose Reconstruction Procedures”, the “Subcommittee on VA Claims Adjudication Procedures”, the “Subcommittee on Quality Management and VA Process Integration with DTRA Nuclear Test Personnel Review Program”, and the “Subcommittee on Communication and Outreach.” The Board will close with a discussion of the Subcommittee reports, future business and meeting dates.

*Meeting Accessibility:* Pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 552b, as amended, and 41 CFR 102–3.140 through 102–3.165, and the availability of space this meeting is open to the public. Seating is limited by the size of the meeting room. All persons must sign in legibly at the registration desk.

*Written Statements:* Pursuant to 41 CFR 102–3.105(j) and 102–3.140(c), interested persons may submit a written statement for consideration by the Veterans' Advisory Board on Dose Reconstruction. Written statements should be no longer than two type-written pages and must address: The issue, discussion, and recommended course of action. Supporting documentation may also be included as needed to establish the appropriate historical context and to provide any necessary background information.

Individuals submitting a written statement must submit their statement to the Board at 7910 Woodmont Ave., Suite 400, Bethesda, MD 20814–3095, at any point; however, if a written statement is not received at least 10 calendar days prior to the meeting, which is the subject of this notice, then it may not be provided to or considered by the Veterans' Advisory Board on Dose Reconstruction until its next open meeting.

The Chairperson will review all timely submissions with the Designated Federal Officer, and ensure they are provided to members of the Veterans' Advisory Board on Dose Reconstruction members before the meeting that is the subject of this notice. After reviewing the written comments, the Chairperson and the Designated Federal Officer may choose to invite the submitter of the comments to orally present their issue during an open portion of this meeting or at a future meeting.

The Chairperson, in consulting with the Designated Federal Officer, may, if desired, allot a specific amount of time for members of the public to present their issues for review and discussion by the Veterans' Advisory Board on Dose Reconstruction.

*Public Comments:* The September 19–20, 2007 meeting is open to the public, approximately one hour each day will be reserved for public comments on issues related to the task of the Veterans' Advisory Board on Dose Reconstruction, and speaking time will be assigned on a first-come, first-served basis. The amount of time per speaker will be determined by the number of requests received, but is nominally five minutes each. All persons who wish to speak at the meeting must sign in legibly at the registration desk. Questions from the public will not be considered during this period. Speakers who wish to expand on their oral statements are invited to submit written statements to the Veterans' Advisory Board on Dose Reconstruction at 7910 Woodmont Ave., Suite 400, Bethesda, MD 20814–3095.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** The Veterans' Advisory Board on Dose Reconstruction Toll Free at 1–866–657–VBDR (8237). Additional information may be found at <http://vbdr.org>.

Dated: June 19, 2007.

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**DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE****Department of the Navy**

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**Privacy Act of 1974; System of Records**

**AGENCY:** Department of the Navy, DoD.

**ACTION:** Notice to amend a system of records.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of the Navy is amending a system of records notice in its existing inventory of record systems subject to the Privacy Act of 1974, (5 U.S.C. 552a), as amended.

**DATES:** This proposed action will be effective without further notice on July 23, 2007 unless comments are received which result in a contrary determination.

**ADDRESSES:** Send comments to the Department of the Navy, PA/FOIA Policy Branch, Chief of Naval Operations (DNS–36), 2000 Navy Pentagon, Washington, DC 20350–2000.