DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

Research Advisory Committee on Gulf War Veterans' Illnesses; Notice of Meeting

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) gives notice under Public Law 92–463 (Federal Advisory Committee Act) that the Research Advisory Committee on Gulf War Veterans' Illnesses will meet on April 6–8, 2005 in room 819 at the Department of Veterans Affairs, 811 Vermont Avenue, NW., Washington, DC. Each session will convene at 8 a.m. and adjourn at 5 p.m. The entire meeting is open to the public.

The purpose of the Committee is to provide advice and make recommendations to the Secretary of Veterans Affairs on proposed research studies, research plans and research strategies relating to the health consequences of military service in the Southwest Asia theater of operations during the Gulf War.

The Committee will review VA program activities related to Gulf War veterans' illnesses and updates on scientific research on Gulf War illnesses published since the last Committee meeting. Additionally there will be preliminary information on treatment research for Gulf War illnesses, research related to possible health effects of exposures during the Gulf War, and

discussion of Committee business and activities.

Members of the public may submit written statements for the Committee's review to Ms. Preeti Hans, Designated Federal Officer, Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20420. Any member of the public seeking additional information should contact Ms. Preeti Hans at (202) 254–0223.

Dated: March 11, 2005. By Direction of the Secretary.

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Committee Management Officer.

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